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## RELAX! SKY BLUES APPOINT FARINA FRANKIE GOES TO HOLLYWOOD!

By David Mason

Sydney FC has appointed former Socceroos coach Frank Farina as Head Coach for the remainder of the 2012/13 Hyundai A-League season.

Farina will arrive in Sydney later this week and will take control of the Sky Blues for Sunday's clash with Melbourne Heart at Allianz Stadium.

Sydney FC Chairman Scott Barlow welcomed Farina to Sydney FC.

"On behalf of the Sydney FC Board I would like to welcome Frank Farina to Sydney FC," Mr Barlow said.

"Frank has coached at the highest level and has dealt with the demands of coaching a high profile team. He also brings with him a wealth of A-League coaching experience that will serve him well as he joins us part way through our season."

"We believe Frank has the experience, leadership and coaching acumen to have a positive and immediate impact on Sydney FC."

The 48-year-old coached the Socceroos from 1999-2005, Brisbane Roar for three Hyundai A-League seasons as well as Brisbane Strikers and Marconi in the National Soccer League.

Farina takes over from caretaker coach Steve Corica, who will return to his role as Sydney FC Assistant Coach.

"This is a fantastic opportunity," Farina said. "There is a lot of attention on Sydney FC and I'm looking forward to getting to Sydney and working with the players and staff to create an environment where we can be successful on the pitch."

"There are some very good players at the club, some of which I've worked with previously, and I've got no doubt that with hard work we can turn things around and get Sydney FC heading in the right direction."

### This Week's Line Up



### Santo, Sam & Ed Podcast

Just like Frankie Farina, Santo Cilauro, Sam Pang and Ed Kavalee are also back in town with their own unique take on events of the week.

Their brief is simple - 7 days, 3 guys, no agenda.

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## **LIVE IT, PLAY IT, LOVE IT!**





# Socceroo Youth Have Chance To Shine at East Asian Cup

By Magnus Lewington

The Socceroos head to Hong Kong next week for the semi-final preliminary round of the East Asian Cup, held from the 1st to 9th of December.

The green and gold will come up against qualifiers Guam, as well as Asian compatriots Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei and North Korea. The winners of this round-robin will claim then claim a place in the final series to be held in Korea early 2013. Coach Holger Osieck has this week announced his final squad for the points-based competition demonstrating a notable focus on Australian youth talent, most of which has been sourced from the A-League.

Osieck has been lauded by the Australian media for showing more faith in locally based players than his predecessor Pim Verbeek (though results have not necessarily benefited as yet), and the squad announced for the upcoming competition further emphasises this change. Only 4 players in the 25 man squad come from outside Australia, three of those from Asia in the forms of Dino Djulbic (Guizhou Renhe), Matt McKay (Busan I Park), and Robert Cornthwaite (Chunnam Dragons), with Eli Babalj making the trip from Serbia and his responsibilities at Red Star Belgrade.

The lack of big names congruent with Australia's golden era of the past decade is indicative of the search for talent undertaken by Osieck in a bid to create a team capable of not only qualifying for the World and Asian championships, but competing more generally on the world stage in the years



The Choice of The New Generation: Tom Rogic (Mariners) and Ivan Franjic (Roar) are just two of the fresh faces in the Socceroo squad who will have the opportunity to impress coach Holger Osieck. Photo: KAREN DOUGLAS

to come. Based on his selections for the upcoming competition, it is apparent he intends to use the opportunity to bloody the youth that Australia has to offer; providing debuts to Terry Antonis, Dino Djulbic, Ivan Franjic, Michael Marrone, Aaron Mooy, Mat Ryan, Matt Smith and Adam Taggart.

While the opposition may not be the most talented or experienced, the East Asian Cup will provide an intriguing insight into Australia's future as a footballing nation. With some important names from European and American competi-

tions not being involved (Holman, Rukavytsya, Cahill, Herd, Oar), it is clear that Osieck is seeking to find greater depth for his first string squad. As the household names of the 2006 and 2010 World Cup squads continue to age and move on from first team duties, Australian football is seeking rejuvenation through mobilising the potential offered by a burgeoning A-League competition.

With Brett Emerton leading what Foxsport's David Davutovic this week termed the 'Soccer-Whos', a first team lacking significant ex-

perience will help demonstrate to both coaching staff and Australian supporters who has the capacity to be promoted to regular Socceroo duty. Osieck has inherited a difficult job in crafting a first-11 out of the remnants of a previous era and the emerging talent of a new one. With opportunities to test the mettle of Australia's youth at a premium, international friendlies and localised competitions like the upcoming Cup will hopefully provide some clarity to Australian selectors concerning who will make up the vanguard of our next generation.

## Socceroo Squad

Terry ANTONIS (Sydney FC), Eli BABALJ (Zvezda Beograd, SERBIA), Aziz BEHICH (Melbourne Heart), Robert CORNTHWAITE (Chunnam Dragons, KOREA REP), Dino DJULBIC (Guizhou Renhe, CHINA), Ivan FRANJIC (Brisbane Roar), Brett EMERTON (Sydney FC), Eugene GALEKOVIC (gk) (Adelaide United), Richard GARCIA (Melbourne Heart), Scott JAMIESON (Perth Glory), Michael MARRONE (Melbourne Heart), Matt McKay (Busan I Park, KOREA REP), Mark MILLIGAN (Melbourne Victory), Aaron MOOY (Western Sydney Wanderers), Tom ROGIC (Central Coast Mariners), Mat RYAN (gk) (Central Coast Mariners), Matt SMITH (Brisbane Roar), Adam TAGGART (Newcastle Jets), Archie THOMPSON (Melbourne Victory), Michael THWAITE (Perth Glory FC).

## The Matches

**Monday 3 Dec 2012**  
Hong Kong v Australia  
11:30pm (AEDT)  
Mong Kok Stadium

**Wednesday 5 Dec 2012**  
DPR Korea v Australia  
11:30pm (AEDT)  
Hong Kong Stadium

**Friday 7 Dec 2012**  
Guam v Australia  
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**Sunday 9 Dec 2012**  
Australia v Chinese Taipei  
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Hong Kong Stadium



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# NSW welcomes \$5million Government investment

Football NSW acknowledges the NSW Government and ClubsNSW and thanks them for the \$5 million investment of the Valentine Sports Park redevelopment project.

This investment will create an integrated sporting, recreational and community facility that will be a benchmark both in Australia and overseas.

With over 200,000 participants from over 650 clubs who take part in over 100,000 matches a season; football boasts the highest number of registered players amongst all sports in NSW, with the upgrade of the Valentine Sports Park facility creating a true Home of Football in NSW.

This redevelopment project will directly benefit all participants including players, coaches, referees, as well as football associations and clubs in NSW.

Football NSW's redevelopment of Valentine Sports Park will see the installation of three state-of-the-art synthetic, all-weather football pitches, as well as a complete upgrade of the existing Futsal courts, allowing for the game to be played in all weather conditions, both indoor or outdoor.

The existing accommodation at Valentine Sports Park will also be upgraded, providing opportunities for players from country NSW, interstate and overseas to be



housed on-site. Further to the redevelopment of the facility will be the learning centres, allowing for enhanced coach and player education at a specially designed football facility. Football NSW Chairman Greg O'Rourke outlined what the new multi-purpose community football facility at Valentine Sports Park will mean to the football community and beyond.

"Football NSW is grateful for the support of the NSW Government, Minister Annesely and ClubsNSW for their support of the redevelopment of Valentine Sports Park. "Developing an iconic facility that reflects and embraces football culture, integrates within the site, is functional, increases the user's football experience in a sustainable

manner in servicing the football community are Football NSW's intentions with this project."

NSW Minister for Sport and Recreation Graham Annesley commended Football NSW's initiative in the planning of the Valentine Sports Park upgrade. "I congratulate Football NSW for its vision and commitment to the continued growth of the world game in NSW. "These improvements will allow national level teams to use the venue as a training base, and potentially it could be a training site or base camp for teams in the AFC Asian Cup in 2015."

ClubsNSW was supportive of the redevelopment as Chairman Peter Newell OAM echoed Minister Annesley's thoughts.

"Hundreds of registered clubs across NSW support junior and senior football and Futsal teams every week. "Clubs and sport have a wonderful relationship stretching back more than 100 years and football, especially in Western Sydney, is a huge part of that. "ClubsNSW is proud to help grow football in Western Sydney through our assisted funding of the redevelopment of Valentine Sports Park."

Through the redevelopment, an expansion of Football NSW community and social programs in line with government priorities in health and education will be used as key objectives, in addition to supporting sport and recreation infrastructure to encourage social interaction in the community. Local primary and secondary schools and students as well as other sporting clubs and community groups such as the Indigenous community, athletes with a disability, new immigrants will also benefit from football's new and improved headquarters in Sydney's West. Football NSW will commence a detailed design process for the redevelopment of the Valentine Sports Park precinct with the facility remaining open for use throughout the construction period and the total program planned to be completed in April 2014.

# FFV appoints interim CEO

Football Federation Victoria (FFV) President Nick Monteleone has announced the appointment of former BP executive Peter Gome as interim CEO of the organisation.

Mr Gome replaces Mark Rendell, who resigned from the role after five and a half years to take up the position of CEO at Gymnastics Australia.

Mr Monteleone says the search for a permanent replacement to Mr Rendell has already commenced. "On behalf of the Board, FFV and the game's stakeholders, I would like to acknowledge Mark's contribution to the sport and the Federation over the past five years and we wish him every success in

his future endeavours."

"We hope to be in a position to make a permanent appointment in the first few months of 2013 and Peter, who has held a range of executive positions during an international career with BP will be Acting CEO until a replacement for Mark has been found."

Mr Gome says his main objective at FFV is to ensure everything is in place for 2013. "My immediate task is to complete and confirm the budget for 2013 to give certainty to our clubs and stakeholders."

"It is important this is done quickly so that we can concentrate on making the 2013 football season a great success," Gome said.



Former BP executive Peter Gome joins the football family



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1 Adelaide United	8	6	1	1	12	5	7	19
2 Central Coast Mariners	8	5	2	1	15	7	8	17
3 Melbourne Victory	8	4	1	3	14	16	-2	13
4 Newcastle Jets	8	4	1	3	14	16	-2	13
5 Perth Glory	8	3	2	3	9	8	1	11
6 West Sydney Wanderers	8	3	1	4	5	7	-2	10
7 Wellington Phoenix	8	2	3	3	11	10	1	9
8 Melbourne Heart	8	2	2	4	11	12	-1	8
9 Brisbane Roar	8	2	1	5	12	12	0	7
10 Sydney FC	8	2	0	6	12	22	-10	6

THIS WEEK	ROUND 9	FIXTURE	VENUE	LOCAL	AEDT
	Fri Nov 30	Melbourne Victory v Perth Glory	AAMI Park	7:30pm	7:30pm
	Sat Dec 01	Central Coast Mariners v Adelaide United	Bluetongue Stadium	5:30pm	5:30pm
	Sat Dec 01	Brisbane Roar v Newcastle Jets	Suncorp Stadium	6:45pm	7:45pm
	Sun Dec 02	Wellington Phoenix v W Sydney Wanderers	Westpac Stadium	4:30pm	2:30pm
	Sun Dec 02	Sydney FC v Melbourne Heart	Allianz Stadium	5:00pm	5:00pm

NEXT WEEK	ROUND 10	FIXTURE	VENUE	LOCAL	AEDT
	Fri Dec 07	Adelaide United v Melbourne Victory	Hindmarsh Stadium	7:00pm	7:30pm
	Sat Dec 08	Melbourne Heart v Perth Glory	AAMI Park	5:30pm	5:30pm
	Sat Dec 08	Newcastle Jets v Central Coast Mariners	Hunter Stadium	7:45pm	7:45pm
	Sun Dec 09	Wellington Phoenix v Sydney FC	Westpac Stadium	4:30pm	2:30pm
	Sun Dec 09	West Sydney Wanderers v Brisbane Roar	Parramatta Stadium	5:00pm	5:00pm

## ROUND 08 RESULTS

**Sydney FC 1 (Yau 57)**  
**Adelaide United 2 (Ferreira 21, Vidosic 88)**  
 Crowd: 13,317

**Melbourne Heart 3 (Garcia 1, 71, Tadic 5 pen)**  
**Newcastle Jets 3 (Goodwin 56, Zadkovich 63, Griffiths 87 pen)**  
 Crowd: 7125 @ AAMI Park

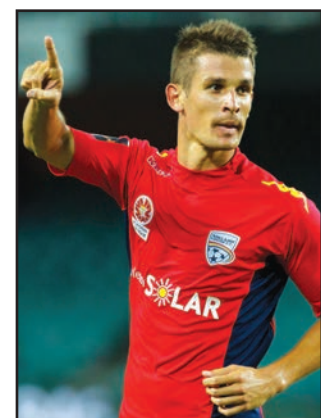
**Western Sydney Wanderers 0**  
**Melbourne Victory 2 (Beauchamp 44 OG, Thompson 60)**  
 Crowd: 9,614 at Parramatta Stadium

**Perth 1 (Smeltz 62)**  
**Wellington 1 (Brockie 73)**  
 Crowd 7,982 at nib stadium.

**Central Coast Mariners 2 (Ibini 4, Rogic 81)**  
**Brisbane Roar 1 (Murdock 32)**  
 Crowd: 9,084 @ Bluetongue Stadium

## TOP GOAL SCORERS

7 - Daniel McBREEN (Mariners)  
 5 - Emile HESKEY (Jets)  
 Alessandro DEL PIERO (SFC)  
 Jeremy BROCKIE (Phoenix)  
 Dario VIDOSIC (Adelaide U)  
 4 - Besart BERISHA (Roar)  
 Marco ROJAS (Victory)  
 Jeronimo Neumann (AUGC)  
 3 - Stein HUYSEGEMS (Phoenix)  
 Ryan GRIFFITHS (Jets)  
 Richard Garcia (Heart)



Dario Vidosic celebrated his Soccerroo call-up with the winner against Sydney FC, but unfortunately was forced to withdraw from the squad due to injury.

## A-LEAGUE TEAM OF THE WEEK ROUND 08

Compiled by Steven Talevski



**GK: Mark Paston** – The New Zealand international was in suburb form against the Glory continuously denying them opportunities to find the back of the net and was only beaten by a well-placed Shane Smeltz strike.

**RB: Josh Risdon** – Risdon's willingness to attack from full back earns him a spot in Goal! Weekly's team of the week. The youngster was a dangerous attacking threat for the Glory, almost scoring from outside the penalty area by striking the post.

**CB: Mark Milligan** – The Soccerroo had a fantastic game moving into the center of defence after Same Gallagher's sending off helping Melbourne Victory to their first clean sheet of the season.

**CB: Trent Sainsbury** – A breakout season for the young defender as he was a key part in keeping the Roar out of the Mariners goal for the most part of the game.

**LB: Aziz Behich** – Another typical performance for the now Soccerroo as Behich continues to grow as a footballer in the A-League.

**RM: Marco Rojas** – A livewire for the victory this season, Rojas pulled in another top game which was highlighted with his assist for Archie Thompson's goal.

**RCM: Richard Garcia** – An awesome performance by the Soccerroo with two goals including one in the first minute of the game and an assist when winning the Hearts penalty which was converted by Josip Tadic.

**LCM: Ruban Zadkovich** – The Jets midfielder supplied Craig Goodwin with a fantastic ball for Newcastle's first goal before scoring a stunner for their first equalizer.

**LM: Fabio Ferreira** – Scored Adelaide's opener and continued to look dangerous in attack in the Red's 2-1 victory over Sydney FC.

**CAM: Tom Rogic** – The youngster once again put in a fine performance which was capped off with the winner against the Roar.

**ST: Dario Vidosic** – Vidosic scored a well taken volley for the reds in the dying minutes of injury time as the attacker proved why is one of the most dangerous attackers in the league with another impressive performance.

**Coach: Ange Postecoglou** – With his side down to ten men early in the game, Postecoglou urged his team to fight and that's what they did with a gutsy two nil victory capped off with some impressive football despite being a man down. Victory keeps looking better week by week as Postecoglou's side is starting to gel well.

## Star Man

**Tom Rogic**  
 CC Mariners



The teen had a fantastic game against Brisbane amazing the fans with his silky skills and great passing. Rogic's game was capped off with a calmly slotted goal as he sets off with another trip and possibly more time in the green and gold.

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**Sydney FC**

**Adelaide United**

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**Match Details**

**Sydney FC 1** (Yau 57')  
**Adelaide United FC 2** (Ferreira 21', Vidosic 88')  
 Referee: Peter Green  
 Crowd: 13,317  
 Venue: Allianz Stadium

**Sydney FC:** 1.Ivan Necevski (gk), 2.Sebastian Ryall, 3.Fabio, 4.Pascal Bosschaart, 7.Brett Emerton, 8.Adam Griffiths (23. Rhyan Grant 78'), 10.Alessandro Del Piero, 15.Terry McFlynn (c) (16. Joel Chianese 58'), 17.Terry Antonis, 21.Yairo Yau, 22.Ali Abbas (6.Jason Culina 68')

Substitutes not used: 20.Vedran Janjetovic (gk)  
 Yellow Cards: Griffiths 7', Antonis 19', Yau 27', Ryall 63', Chianese 77'  
 Red Cards: Nil

**Adelaide United:** 1.Eugene Galekovic (gk) (c), 2.Osama Malik, 3.Nigel Boogaard, 5.Iain Fyfe, 6.Cassio, 8.Marcelo Carrusca (18.Fabian Barbiero 72'), 10.Dario Vidosic, 14.Cameron Watson, 21.Jeronimo Neumann (11.Bruce Djite 72'), 22.Fabio Ferreira (17.Iain Ramsay 85'), 23.Evan Kostopoulos

Substitutes not used: 20.Paul Izzo (gk)  
 Yellow Cards: Cassio 37', Boogaard 72', Barbiero 83'  
 Red Cards: Nil

# Reds Sink Sky Blues With Late KO Blow

By Matt Mays

After being called up to represent his country this week, it was Vidosic that proved his worth and snatched a dramatic late winner for Adelaide United in Sydney on Friday night.

The win maintains their top-of-the-league status for another week whilst their Sky Blue opponents are left drowning at the bottom.

Going into this one, the form books suggested a David vs. Goliath. Adelaide are playing out of their skin right now; unbeaten in four, the best defence in the league and scoring goals for fun. Sydney however looks doomed; no win in four, the worst defence and not even their marquee talisman Del Piero get them out of trouble.

The game started brightly. It was actually Sydney who created the first chance early on as Del Piero picked up the ball 6 yards from goal but his smashing half-volley was denied by the ever impressing Galekovic.

But just as Sydney were coming, the Reds grabbed the game by the throat and started dominating.

Just past the fifteen minute mark, Vidosic smartly chested down an oncoming long ball into the box, and with his back to goal teed the ball to Evan Kostopoulos. But his right footed strike was pushed away to safety.

The Reds felt they were dealt a harsh offside call from the linesman, ruling out a Carrusca finish after working well with Jeromino. But they didn't need to wait long for justice to be restored.

Just five minutes later, Adelaide took the lead, and it was like a hot knife through butter. Again the long ball seemed to be working for the Reds, and Vidosic produced an exquisite back-heel with his back to goal to find Ferreira on his left. The Portuguese put his laces through it and found the bottom corner to cap off a brilliantly well worked goal, and it seemed to settle the nerves for Kosmina and his travelling brigade.

All the Reds hard work was almost undone with a moment of master class from Del Piero. On 42 minutes

the world cup winner floated in a free kick which almost lobbed the keeper but Galekovic tipped it over the bar.

Sydney came racing out the blocks in the second half with one point to prove, two goals to make and three points to claim.

With just ten minutes gone, Del Piero whipped in a ball from the left, found Antonis but his snap shot trickled past the post.

Then it was Sydney's turn to play the long ball, and it worked a treat. Pascal Boschaart drilled a pin point 40 yard pass through the Adelaide defence, where Yairo Yau flashed past Fyfe and Watson and slid home passed a flat footed Galekovic. The keeper got his angles all wrong but Yau didn't mind, and his emotional celebration proved so.

Adelaide looked stunned, and they almost fell behind within 5 minutes after conceding. Sebastian Ryall ran on to the ball and produced a powerful strike from 20 yards but Galekovic stood strong. Sydney were well and truly back in this tie.

Adelaide almost hit back soon after on 67 minutes but Watson trickled his shot just wide after good work from Ferreira.

Before the game, Reds boss Kosmina warned his side they could be facing a potential banana skin against Sydney. Wise words, but Adelaide passed yet another test, albeit in dramatic fashion.

With the Reds seemingly running out of ideas, they worked the ball into the box. With just 2 minutes left on the clock, substitute Djite shrugged off a defender and hooked the ball back to the on-coming Nigel Boogaard who smashed it against the bar. Hearts in mouth stuff. The ball floated down to a grateful Ferreira but he missed the ball completely! Luckily for Adelaide, Vidosic was on hand to pick up the pieces and fire home.

The result maybe harsh on Sydney but Adelaide are proving once again that they can grind out a victory. The win sets up a mouth-watering top-of-the-table clash with Central Coast next Saturday.

Sydney need rescuing, and a coach. Fast.



Match Stats		
4	Saves	3
5	Attempts on target	6
5	Attempts off target	9
48%	Possession	52%
6	Corners	1
5	Offsides	4
20	Fouls committed	11

Dario Vidosic celebrates his Soccerroo call-up with the winner. Photo: GREG SEATON



SFC's Alessandro Del Piero tries to navigate his way past the close attention of Adelaide United's Evan Kostopoulos and Osama Malik. Photo: GREG SEATON



Adelaide United's Fabio Ferreira breaks the deadlock with a deadly finish in front of goal much to the delight of Cameron Watson. Photo: GREG SEATON



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West Sydney Wanderers

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Melbourne Victory

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Match Details

Western Sydney Wanderers 0  
Melbourne Victory 2 (Beauchamp 44 OG, Thompson 60)  
Crowd: 9,614 at Parramatta Stadium

Wanderers:

1. Ante Covic, 2. Shannon Cole (13. Joey Gibbs 65'), 3. Adam D'Apuzzo, 4. Nikolai Topor-Stanley, 5. Michael beauchamp, 6. Jerome Polenz (11. Tarek Elrich 75'), 9. Dino Kresinger, 10. Aaron Mooy, 18. Iacopo La Rocca (23. Jason Trifiro 45'), 19. Mark Bridge, 21. Shinji Ono.

Yellow cards:

D'Apuzzo 85'.

Melbourne Victory:

39. Nathan Cole, 3. Adama Traore, 5. Mark Milligan, 7. Guilherme Finkler 19. Isaka Cernak 65'), 10. Archie Thompson, 11. Marco Rojas (6. Leigh broxham 78'), 13. Diogo Ferreira, 14. Billy Celeski, 15. Sam gallagher, 23. Adrian Leijer, 23. Andrew Nabbout (8. Jonathon Bru 28').

Yellow cards:

Celeski 33', Thompson 66', Traore 68', Coe 73'.

Red cards:

Gallagher 15'.

# 10-man Victory record win against the odds

By Alex Milic

Melbourne Victory has left Parramatta Stadium with three points in a gritty 2:0 win against the Western Sydney Wanderers in front of a crowd of 10,000.

The Victory were already without star playmaker Argentinian import Marco Flores through suspension, and things looked even tougher when defender Sam Gallagher was shown his marching orders after only 16 minutes into his first A-League game for the club for holding back Croatian International Dino Kresinger who was one on one with goalkeeper Nathan Coe.

The resulting free kick by Shinji Ono came close to finding the net but his strike flashed by the up-right.

However the Victory punished the misfiring Wanderers and just before the halftime break when Wanderers Captain Michael Beauchamp scored an own goal to put his side one down going into the break.

Marco Rojas was at the heart of all the attacking plat for the Victory and it was his classy skill which led to the second goal for the Victory, as he latched onto a ball from Billy Celeski and burst forward before finding Archie Thompson with a fantastic cross as the veteran striker had no problem slotting the ball past former teammate Ante Covic to make it 2:0

Ange Postecoglu, manager, Melbourne Victory said following the match, "It was a challenge today for sure. We've spoken about it in the last couple of weeks, we're playing some good football but I guess from our point of view if we're going to be contenders we need to show a little bit more character and resilience under difficult situations. I thought today we were tremendous in that area."

Postecoglu says he came to the Victory to try and take the club for-



The Victory celeebtrate after Archie Thompson sealed the crucial away points amid adversity. Photo: ALI ERHAN

	Match Stats	
1	Saves	6
7	Attempts on target	2
16	Attempts off target	4
55%	Possession	45%
7	Corners	6
4	Offsides	1
14	Fouls committed	13

ward and take the Victory back to the levels it wants to be and should be and he believes the signs are promising.

Tony Popovic, manager, Western Sydney Wanderers said he was pleased with his side's ball movement but felt his players tried to force things too much in attack. He also believed the send-off may have actually worked against the Wanderers.

Popovic says, "It's frustrating really because we started the game so well and it was almost as if it was the worst thing that happened to us. I felt the players seemed a

little stressed and a little bit nervous having the extra player and we kind of forced things a little bit too often."

The win has put Postecoglu and his men into third position after eight rounds of action, with 13 points while the Wanderers are three points behind in sixth position.

In Round 9, the Victory welcomes Perth Glory to AAMI Park while the Wanderers will be looking to bounce back with a win when they travel to Wellington to take on the Phoenix.

Billy Celeski played an important

part of the Victory's win against the Wanderers and has already been one of the star players for Postecoglu's side.

Celeski says the match against Perth will be a real test, "Conditions don't matter, we've got to be out there, working, training and getting ready for the next game, which is an important one for us."

Celeski says, "We've got to keep backing up, we've been performing pretty well these last four games, so it's a matter of keeping that consistency going now."

The match against the Glory will be the first for Victory at AAMI

Park this season. Etihad Stadium, was the venue for Victory in their wins over Adelaide and Wellington,

Celeski says, "We really enjoy playing here, obviously with the crowd on top of you, results going our way now too, they'll be like an extra man for us and it's a beautiful surface to play on, so we're really looking forward to it."

The Victory will also be hoping to extend their four match streak without a loss to five. The hot form has out Ange's men back into title contention following a slow start to the season.



Wanderers keeper Ante Covis is beaten after a nasty deflection from team-mate Michael Beauchamp eluded him at the near post. Photo: ALI ERHAN



It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's Victory keeper Nathan Coe doing an impression of Superman. Photo: ALI ERHAN

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## Brisbane Roar

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## Match Details

**Central Coast Mariners 2**  
(Ibini 4', Rogic 81')  
**Brisbane Roar 1** (Murdoch 32')  
Bluetongue Stadium, Gosford  
Referee: Chris Beath  
Attendance: 9,084

**Central Coast Mariners:** 1. Mathew Ryan (Gk), 2. Daniel McBreen, 3. Joshua Rose, 4. Pedj Bojic, 5. Zachary Anderson, 7. John Hutchinson, 9. Bernie Ibini (11. Oliver Bozanic 70'), 10. Tomas Rogic (19. Mitchell Duke 87'), 14. Michael McGlinchey, 16. Trent Sainsbury, 18. Nick Montgomery

Yellow cards: Hutchinson, McBreen, Montgomery  
Red cards: Nil

**Brisbane Roar:** 1. Michael Theo (Gk), 2. Matthew Smith (c), 3. Shane Stefanutto, 5. Ivan Franjic, 6. Erik Paartalu, 7. Besart Berisha, 8. Massimo Murdoch, 10. Henrique (17. Mitchell Nichols 46'), 11. Ben Halloran (24. Nick Fitzgerald 87'), 19. Jack Hingert (4. Matthew Jurman 70'), 22. Thomas Broich

Yellow cards: Berisha, Jurman, Nichols  
Red cards: Nil

# Mariners Break Home Roar Hoodoo

By Adrian Deans

I would not be at all surprised if the Mariners' secret weapon last Sunday was the heat.

It was 37 degrees at the start of play and only a managerial maniac would ignore that factor when sending his team out to contest three A-League points.

Anyone who has watched Roar versus Mariners games in the last two years would know that the battles have largely been won and lost in the way that Besart Berisha runs at the defenders to prevent them having time on the ball. More than most, the Mariners genuinely build from the back and the likes of Bojic, Rose and Zwaanswijk thrive on having time and space to start the attack. Denied time and space, they are unable to ignite the Mariners attacking patterns, so the Mariners find themselves needing an alternative plan – which traditionally has been unsuccessful.

Anticipating a similar match pattern, it looked to me in the first half as though the Mariners were baiting Berisha – constantly passing the ball back and forth at the back with the sole objective being to force him to run in the heat. If that was the plan, then it worked a treat, and almost got Berisha sent off. Trent Sainsbury was the head picador and it was he that Berisha caught late in frustration, leading to the head butt on Hutchinson for which Berisha absolutely should have been red carded.

Memo to Chris Beath – attempted head butts that occur within a metre of you MUST be punished. In all seriousness, this ought to be a matter for the match review committee. Berisha received a yellow card after the incident, but was that for the original foul, or the head butt? If a foul is dealt with by the referee then no further action is possible by the MRC, but if not, then any penalty is open to them. Berisha is an excellent footballer, but his lack of discipline is part of the reason Brisbane find themselves near the bottom of the table.



Bernie Ibini makes an instant impact after returning to the Mariners line-up with a header inside the opening stanza of play to get the show on the road. Photo: KAREN DOUGLAS

Back to the football.

And most of it was about two excellent attacking midfielders. Rogic was instrumental in setting up the Mariners' first goal with a sublime early ball to McBreen, but after that it was Massimo Murdoch who shone almost as bright. He had a fabulous game and was duly rewarded with the equaliser after half an hour. Broich's short corner found him unclosed down on the edge of the box and an innocuous looking shot beat Ryan at his near post. He must have been unsighted but the Soccerroo

prodigy won't enjoy the replays.

In the second half, the Mariners' (apparent) plan of tiring Berisha paid off. Berisha was largely anonymous (as was Broich) and the Mariners spent long periods camped outside the Brisbane third with Rose and Bojic attacking at will. Fittingly, it was Pedj Bojic who created the chance to win – his superb slaloming run down the right resulted in a foul on the edge of the box and Ollie Bozanic, returning from injury, stepped up to float a cross to the back post which was nodded back into play by McGlinchey and expertly volleyed home by Rogic.

I've somehow resisted the tempta-

tion to say too much about Rogic's performance before now, but we are privileged right now to be watching the early career of a very special player indeed. Rogic will have a long career as a Soccerroo and if he's still playing in yellow in February then I'm no judge (unless he joins Amini at Dortmund).

He's not the only one. Trent Sainsbury is quietly impressing a few good judges. He's developed an excellent relationship with Patrick Zwaanswijk but in the Dutchman's absence through suspension easily stepped up to the senior role. Zac Anderson did well in Zwaanswijk's place and must have enjoyed bait-

ing Berisha and forcing him to run in the heat.

It was an outstanding strategic and technically skilful performance in tough conditions and I will be surprised if the Mariners do not finally exorcise the demons of Grand Finals past and salute the judges this season.

In the meantime, Adelaide awaits next weekend.

Adrian Deans is the author of *My Cleansheets* – published by Vulgar Press, distributed by Dennis Jones and Associates and available in all good book stores. Ebook also available.



Tom Rogic was on hand to volley home from close range for the Mariners, much to the displeasure of the Roar's Michael Theo. Photo: KAREN DOUGLAS



Match Stats		
2	Saves	0
3	Attempts on target	3
4	Attempts off target	3
45%	Possession	55%
5	Corners	4
5	Offsides	5
10	Fouls committed	12

The Mariners get the monkey off their back with their first ever win over Brisbane Roar at Bluetongue Stadium. Photo: KAREN DOUGLAS

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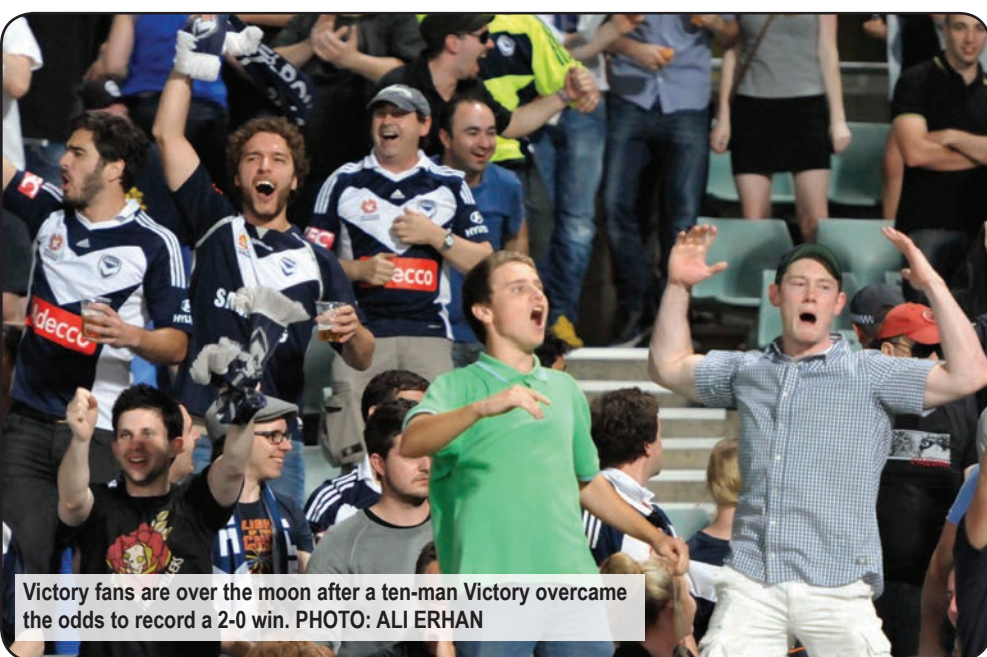
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Ruben Zadkovich salutes the travelling Jets fans after getting on the scoresheet. Photo: DANIEL FLIS



Bluetongue gives a standing ovation to newly capped Soccerroo Tom Rogic. PHOTO: KAREN DOUGLAS



Victory fans are over the moon after a ten-man Victory overcame the odds to record a 2-0 win. PHOTO: ALI ERHAN



Captain my captain: Mariner John Hutchinson and Roar's Matt Smith exchange pleasantries before kick-off. Photo: KAREN DOUGLAS



Heart coach John Aloisi is not amused as Fred holds transfer talks with the Jets bench mid-match! Photo: DANIEL FLIS



Victory fans embrace their new darling Marco Rojas after another stellar performance. Photo: ALI ERHAN



Care-taker coach Steve Corica was unfortunately unable to weave his magic stop the rot at SFC. Photo: ALI ERHAN



Perth's Steve Pantelidis and Phoenix's Jeremy Brockie fly high under the shadows of contraction at nib Stadium. Photo: CRAIG ECCLES



Italian superstar Alessandro Del Piero tries as he might to rally his troops. Photo: ALI ERHAN





### Victory Line Up

- Tando Velaphi (GK)
- Matthew Foschini
- Adama Traore
- Petar Franjic
- Leigh Broxham
- Gui Finkler
- Jonathan Bru
- Marcos Flores
- Marco Rojas
- Diogo Ferreira
- Billy Celeski
- Theo Markelis
- Jimmy Jeggo
- Isaka Cernak
- Adrian Leijer (C)
- Andrew Nabbout
- Chris Cristaldo
- Jason Geria
- Nathan Coe (GK)
- Four to be omitted

Ins: 2. Matthew Foschini, 16.Theo Markelis, 17. Jimmy Jeggo (all promoted), 9. Marcos Flores (returns from suspension), Jason Geria (new signing), Chris Cristaldo (promoted)

Outs: 10. Archie Thompson (Qantas Socceroos international duty), 5. Mark Milligan (Qantas Socceroos international duty)

Unavailable: 15. Sam Gallagher (suspended)

## Melbourne Victory v Perth Glory

By Andrew Bishara

Melbourne Victory midfielder Billy Celeski says the culture change in the dressing room is the reason for their resurgence this season.

“The culture’s definitely changed,” Celeski said after training on Tuesday. “We were all obviously on notice when Ange got here and we’re repaying his belief in us. He’s got a lot of confidence in us as a team.”

There is no doubting that fans are beginning to see the ‘real’ Victory making the step up. Sitting third on the table, they are enjoying a stellar run with three wins in the last four.

What’s made the run more impressive is the grit and determination the players are showing, in playing to the last minute. The 3-2 comeback win over Sydney, the 2-2 with Central Coast and the 2-0 win over the Western Sydney Wanderers (with only ten men on the pitch), highlighting Postecoglou’s mantra for his team to “win every match”.

“When we had 10 men last weekend against West Sydney he wanted us to go out and win the game, not go for a draw,” Celeski said. “He wanted us to send a statement to the rest of the competition that we are here to win the league,”

“Ange makes things very clear and that’s the sort of pressure that comes with playing for a



#### The Odds

Victory 2.20  
Draw 3.40  
Glory 3.35

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team like Victory.”

And the pressure will continue to mount, as the Victory have a tough run coming up including Adelaide, Brisbane and rivals Heart. But their tough schedule begins this weekend, when they welcome the Perth Glory to the AAMI Park, the first match of the season at their ‘football’ home ground.

For the Glory, things aren’t going as swimmingly as last season. They have had a luckless three game run, drawing twice and losing once. The problems, it seems is that lack of spark up front and silly defensive mistakes. But that does not mean the Glory are lacking from any confidence,

Fri Nov 30 AAMI Park 7:30pm

Referee: Jarred Gillett

## Perth travel to high-flying Melbourne

according to playmaker, Travis Dodd.

“I don’t think it’s an issue, to be honest. We’re playing some decent football. On the weekend (against Wellington), our game was a bit patchy, Dodd said in training.

“There were times where we played some really good football and there were times when silly mistakes, cost us and we turned over a bit too much possession. But I think, all in all, the last few weeks we’ve been playing pretty decent, so it’s nothing to be real concerned about.”

Both sides will have their squad depth tested this week with numerous players missing the

clash. Glory’s defensive duo Scott Jamieson and Michael Thwaite could be picked for the Socceroos squad, while captain Jacob Burns is serving a one-game after accumulating five yellow cards this season.

Victory will also be suffering from the Socceroos call-up with be key duo Archie Thompson and Mark Milligan set to be wearing the green and gold.

The Glory will be hoping for some luck this time around, but its hard to look pass Melbourne for a victory here.

**Kiss of Death  
Victory 2-0 Perth Glory**



### Glory Line Up

- Danny Vukovic (gk)
- Bas van den Brink
- Billy Mehmet
- Steve Pantelidis
- Nick Ward
- Dean Heffernan
- Shane Smeltz
- Liam Miller
- Adrian Zahra
- Travis Dodd
- Steven McGarry
- Brandon O’Neill
- Chris Harold
- Jesse Makarounas
- Josh Risdon
- Lewis Italiano (gk)
- One to be omitted

Ins: 3.Bas van den Brink (returns from injury), 8.Dean Heffernan (returns from injury), 15.Brandon O’Neill, 18.Jesse Makarounas (both promoted)

Outs: 7.Jacob Burns (suspended – 1 game), 21.Scott Jamieson (Qantas Socceroos international duty), 23.Michael Thwaite (Qantas Socceroos international duty)

Unavailable: 12.Ryo Nagai (Bone bruising knee 3-5 weeks), 16.Evan Berger (hamstring – indefinite)

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## Mariners Line Up

2. Daniel McBreen  
3. Joshua Rose  
4. Pedj Bojic  
5. Zachary Anderson  
6. Patrick Zwaanswijk  
7. John Hutchinson (c)  
8. Adriano Pellegrino  
9. Bernie Ibini  
11. Oliver Bozanic  
13. Brent Griffiths  
14. Michael McGlinchey  
15. Brad McDonald  
16. Trent Sainsbury  
17. Anthony Caceres  
18. Nick Montgomery  
19. Mitchell Duke  
20. Justin Pasfield (Gk)  
23. Adam Kwasnik  
30. David Bradasevic (Gk)  
\*Four to be omitted

Ins: 6. Patrick Zwaanswijk (returns from suspension), 8. Adriano Pellegrino, 15. Brad McDonald, 17. Anthony Caceres, 23. Adam Kwasnik (all promoted), 30. David Bradasevic (promoted from National Youth League team)

Outs: 1. Mathew Ryan (GK), 10. Tomas Rogic (Qantas Socceroos international duty)

Unavailable: 22. James Oates (ankle – 2 months)

## CC Mariners v Adelaide United

Sat Dec 01 Bluetongue Stdm 5:30pm

By Adrian Deans

Last week at Bluetongue it was second versus eighth and second prevailed. Just.

This week it's second versus first, but Mariners fans have reason to be optimistic.

It's a shame that this match-up had to happen when both teams have players called up for the Socceroos. Both teams are in great form and will miss key players (presuming all make the final cut). The goalkeepers cancel each other out, but the Mariners will miss Rogic badly. It is incredible that he has only played 20 games in the A-League, but is already critical to the Mariners' attack.

Adelaide might miss Osama Malik even more. I've been tremendously impressed by Malik in the last 12 months and not at all surprised that Holger Osieck wants a closer look. He's a really efficient player – does a terrific job of screening the Adelaide defence and plays simple balls forward to his more attacking colleagues. He reminds me of a young Vinnie Grella and will be hard for Adelaide to replace.

Patrick Zwaanswijk will return from suspension and I expect Zac Anderson to make way. The Zwaanswijk/Sainsbury combination has been remarkably quick to gel and is a large part of the reason that the Mariners concede fewer goals than anyone else (although Mat Ryan might have something to say on that score).

Of course, the flip side to the



### The Odds

Mariners 1.87  
Draw 3.70  
AUFC 4.50

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Referee: Alan Milliner

Mariners' defence is the way the wide men get forward in attack – especially at breakdowns of enemy possession. Rose and Bojic seemed as though Arnie was holding them back for the first few rounds but they've attacked at will since the Sydney FC game. The key to beating the Mariners in the last couple of seasons has been denying time and space to Rose and Bojic. When Adelaide visited Bluetongue last year they did exactly that for 45 minutes and went in one nil up at the interval. But when they came back out they changed tactics and sat deep to protect their lead. It was all Mariners after that (for a 3

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– 2 win) and I would be amazed if Kossie makes the same mistake on Saturday night.

He knows how to beat the Mariners, but will he have the ammunition? The Reds will also (I expect) be missing Dario Vidosic who has also been in blazing form this year and that is what I believe will tip the balance in favour of the home team. Their defensive structure will be unaffected (even improved by the return of Zwaanswijk) but they still bristle with attacking intent in the likes of McGlinchey, Ibini, McBreen et al. In contrast, the Reds will have to adjust defensively to the loss of Malik, plus the attackers will miss

his efficient service.

It will be tight, but I expect the Mariners to take first blood in the first of what I expect will be several intriguing encounters. These two are very likely to contest the Grand Final.

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**Kiss of Death  
Mariners 2-0 AUFC**



## Adelaide Utd Line Up

2. Osama Malik  
3. Nigel Boogaard  
5. Iain Fyfe  
6. Cassio (c)  
7. Zenon Caravella  
8. Marcelo Carrusca  
9. Sergio van Dijk  
10. Dario Vidosic  
11. Bruce Djite  
14. Cameron Watson  
17. Iain Ramsay  
18. Fabian Barbiero  
20. Paul Izzo (gk)  
21. Jeronimo Neumann  
22. Fabio Ferreira  
23. Evan Kostopoulos  
30. John Hall (gk)  
\*Two to be omitted

Ins: 7. Zenon Caravella (promoted), 9. Sergio van Dijk (promoted), John Hall (gk) (promoted from NYL squad)

Outs: 1. Eugene Galekovic (gk) (Qantas Socceroos international duty)

Unavailable: 4. Jon McKain (leg – under review), 16. Daniel Bowles (hip – 1 week), 19. Jake Barker-Daish (groin – 2 weeks)



## Roar Line Up

1. Michael Theo (GK)  
Shane Stefanutto (capt)  
4. Matt Jurman  
6. Erik Paartalu  
7. Besart Berisha  
8. Massimo Murodocca  
10. Henrique  
11. Ben Halloran  
13. Yuji Takahashi  
14. Rocky Visonte  
15. James Donachie  
16. Do Dong-Hyun  
17. Mitch Nichols  
19. Jack Hingert  
20. Matt Acton (GK)  
21. James Meyer  
22. Thomas Broich  
24. Nick Fitzgerald  
\*Four to be omitted

Ins: Rocky Visonte (promoted), Do Dong-Hyun (promoted), James Donachie (promoted), Yuji Takahashi (promoted), James Meyer (promoted)

Outs: Matt Smith (Qantas Socceroos international duty), Ivan Franjic (Qantas Socceroos international duty – 2 weeks)

Unavailable: Nil

## Brisbane Roar v Newcastle Jets

Sat Dec 01 Suncorp Stadium 7:45pm

By Alex Milic

Pressure has been gradually mounting on Brisbane's first-time head coach Rado Vidosic after his side's continued failure to reproduce the form that secure them two championships and a 36 match unbeaten run.

This week he'll be hoping that Brisbane can return to form against a Newcastle Jets side sitting equal third on the ladder and with an impressive record of seven wins from ten attempts at Suncorp Stadium.

5-0 and 4-2 wins over Melbourne Victory and Sydney FC are starting to look increasingly like blips rather than the norm as once again Brisbane were defeated last weekend, losing 2-1 to Central Coast Mariners, the club's first ever loss in Gosford.

The result has left the Roar sitting in second-last place on the ladder with one-third of the season having passed.

Much has been made of Brisbane's inability to score this season, being held to a single goal or less in six of their eight matches so far. That has been put down in part to a niggling injury to star-striker Besart Berisha but despite reportedly being back to full fitness last weekend he failed to find the net.

Any potential absence of the Albanian nowadays seems to hamstring the Roar going forward, lacking another genuine goal-scoring threat with Mitch Nichols in a form slump.

Considering that fact there must have been a great deal of relief in



### The Odds

Roar 1.68  
Draw 3.75  
Jets 5.50

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Referee: Brenton Hayward

the Brisbane camp when Berisha was cleared of a head butt by the A-League's Match Review Panel midweek.

The Roar will however have to overcome the absence of Matt Smith and Ivan Franjic, both set to be part of the Socceroos squad for the East Asian Cup qualifiers. Ben Halloran is also a good chance of making the final squad, meaning Vidosic will need to bring several unfamiliar faces into the starting eleven.

Newcastle has had a disrupted week of preparations for the match with head coach Gary Van Egmond reportedly rejecting the advances of Sydney FC to take over the Sky Blues. The removal of any uncertainty about Van Egmond's future

should be a boost to the squad and Jets captain Jobe Wheelhouse has already announced to the media the players' delight at the decision.

If Brisbane's problem this season has been scoring goals then Newcastle have suffered a directly opposite affliction. The Jets have conceded 16 goals in just eight games, letting in three against Melbourne Heart on Saturday, including two in the opening five minutes.

Only bottom-placed Sydney FC has conceded more, while A-League leaders Adelaide have let in just five.

Whilst Brisbane will be without at least two key players for the match due to their presence in the Australian squad for the East Asian Cup

Qualifiers Newcastle will likely only be missing Adam Taggart.

Saturday will be the first visit to Brisbane for Emile Heskey and with Roar skipper Matt Smith absent the big Englishman should be relishing his prospects against a defence likely to include the out-of-sorts Matt Jurman and Japanese youngster Yuji Takahashi.

The Brisbane crowd has become accustomed to viewing quality displays from strikers but could this time could be on the receiving end should Heskey be allowed the time and space in the box that has made him so dangerous in the A-League.

**Kiss of Death  
Roar 2-2 Jets**



## Jets Line Up

2. Scott Neville  
3. Tiago Calvano  
4. Josh Mitchell  
5. Dominik Ritter  
7. James Brown  
8. Ruben Zadkovich  
9. Emile Heskey  
10. Bernardo Ribeiro  
11. Connor Chapman  
12. Josh Brillante  
14. Taylor Regan  
15. Craig Goodwin  
16. Jobe Wheelhouse (c)  
17. James Virgili  
18. Jacob Pepper  
19. Michael Bridges  
23. Ryan Griffiths  
30. Jack Duncan (gk)  
31. Aleks Vrteski (gk)  
33. Matthew Nash (gk)  
\*Five to be omitted

Ins: 4. Tiago Calvano, 12. Josh Brillante, 14. Taylor Regan, 19. Michael Bridges, 31. Aleks Vrteski

Outs: Nil

Unavailable: 20. Mark Birighitti (Cheekbone), Ben Kennedy (knee), 6. Ben Kantarovski (knee), 22. Adam Taggart (Qantas Socceroos international duty)

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## Phoenix Line Up

Mark Paston (GK)  
2. Manny Muscat  
3. Tony Lochhead  
6. Alex Smith  
7. Leo Bertos  
8. Paul Ifill  
9. Benjamin Totori  
10. Stein Huysegems  
11. Jeremy Brockie  
12. Tyler Boyd  
16. Louis Fenton  
17. Vince Lia  
18. Ben Sigmund  
20. Glen Moss (GK)  
22. Andrew Durante (C)  
28. Ricardo Clarke  
\*One to be omitted

Ins: 9. Benjamin Totori (re-  
turns from Injury)

Outs: Nil

Unavailable: 21.Dani Sanchez  
(knee injury – 2 weeks), Lucas  
Pantelis (knee injury - indefi-  
nite),

## Wellington Phoenix v W Syd Wanderers

Sun Dec 02 Westpac Stadium 2:30pm

By Joe Gallagher

Wellington Phoenix have de-  
veloped a habit over the years  
for being one of the A-League's  
most predictably unpredictable  
sides.

After exploding into life in round  
one, Ricki Herbert's side threat-  
ened to slip well off the early pace  
with a three game losing streak,  
before ending that run with an un-  
beaten fortnight on the road.

They are now capable of moving  
further up the ladder when they en-  
tertain Western Sydney Wanderers  
at Westpac Stadium on Sunday.

The question will be for Herbert:  
which Phoenix team will show up  
on gameday?

Will it be the resilient, productive  
and threatening side which dealt  
to Sydney FC and Newcastle Jets,  
or the lacklustre Wellington outfit  
which left most fans scratching  
their heads – particularly in the  
losses to Central Coast Mariners  
and Melbourne Victory?

They will likely be unchanged  
from the eleven which drew 1-1 in  
Perth and won 3-0 in Newcastle,  
which will mean Belgian striker  
Stein Huysegems is set to miss his  
third match in a row. However with  
Paul Ifill returning to form, and  
Benjamin Totori's return from in-  
jury, Wellington will not be lacking  
firepower up front.

Herbert has at his disposal one of  
the league's most lethal attackers  
in Jeremy Brockie. Since finding  
his feet at the New Zealand club,



### The Odds

Phoenix 1.80  
Draw 3.60  
WSW 4.50

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using the hash-tag #NIXvWSW

## Phoenix to get them guessing against Wanderers

Referee: Matt Gillett

the All White is in a rich vein of  
goalscoring form, with five goals in  
his last four games. He is, however,  
yet to score at home, and will be ea-  
ger to leave a lasting impression on  
the Yellow Fever.

If – and this season has underlined  
just how big an 'if' this can be for  
the Phoenix – Herbert's side are on  
their game, they look set to score  
goals from a number of different  
sources.

Their opponents on Sunday can-  
not be afforded the same luxury,  
having developed their own knack  
for inconsistency this season.  
Tony Popovic's new boys have  
threatened, without yet making a

serious challenge upon the league.  
Western Sydney – like their hosts  
on Sunday – have struggled im-  
mensely to string together a run of  
good results.

A huge cause for their unstead-  
iness is their finishing, having  
scored only five goals in their first  
two months in the league. Their  
impotence in front of goal came  
back to bite them on the weekend,  
failing to capitalise on a one man  
advantage in the 2-0 loss to Mel-  
bourne Victory. Popovic will be  
keen to arrest their run of bad luck  
in the final third.

Yousouff Hersi will continue to  
serve a suspension, but will be the

only notable absentee for the Wan-  
derers. Popovic has warned this  
week that his side are improving  
every game they play together.

The closeness of the league ladder  
means that a win moves either side  
within touching distance of the top  
four, while both can fall back from  
the mid-table logjam with a loss.

In the match featuring two of the  
league's most inconsistent sides,  
the result will depend largely on  
which type of day both teams are  
having. Wellington, at home, will  
consider themselves clear favou-  
rites for a result.

Kiss of Death  
Phoenix 3-1Wanderers



## Wanderers Line Up

1. Ante Covic (GK)  
2. Shannon Cole  
3. Adam D'apuzzo  
4. Nikolai Topor-Stanley  
5. Michael Beauchamp  
6. Jerome Polenz  
7. Labinot Haliti  
8. Mateo Poljak  
9. Dino Kresinger  
11. Tarek Elrich  
12. Tahj Minniecon  
13. Joey Gibbs  
14. Kwabena Appiah-Kubi  
15. Reece Caira  
18. Iacopo La Rocca  
19. Mark Bridge  
20. Jerrad Tyson (GK)  
21. Shinji Ono  
23. Jason Trifiro  
\*Four to be omitted

Outs: 17. Yousouff Hersi  
(suspended – one match),  
10. Aaron Mooy (Qantas Soc-  
ceroos international duty)

Unavailable: Nil



## Sydney FC Line Up

1. Ivan Necevski (gk)  
2. Sebastian Ryll  
3. Fabio  
4. Pascal Bosschaert  
6. Jason Culina  
8. Adam Griffiths  
9. Paul Reid  
10. Alessandro Del Piero  
12. Blake Powell  
15. Terry McFlynn  
16. Joel Chianese  
18. Trent McClenahan  
20. Vedran Janjetovic (gk)  
21. Yairo Yau  
22. Ali Abbas  
23. Rhyann Grant  
\*One to be omitted

Ins: 9. Paul Reid (promoted), 12.  
Blake Powell (promoted), Trent  
McClenahan (promoted)

Outs: 17. Terry Antonis (Qantas  
Socceroos international duty),  
7. Brett Emerton (Qantas Soc-  
ceroos international duty)

Unavailable: 17. Terry Antonis  
(international Duty), 7. Brett  
Emerton (Qantas Socceroos  
international duty)

## Sydney FC v Melbourne Heart

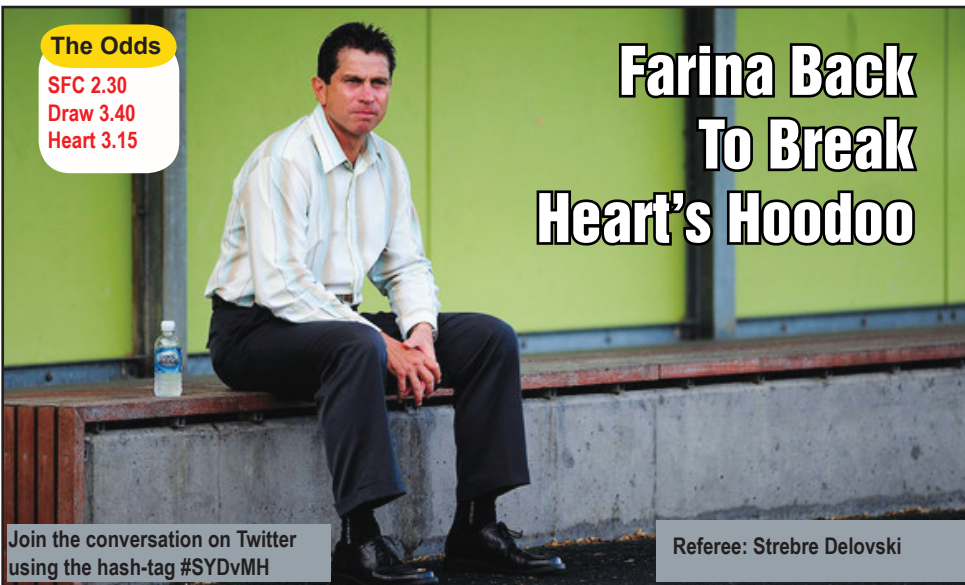
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By Magnus Lewington

Sydney FC aims to rejuvenate  
a stuttering start to the season  
this Sunday afternoon at Allianz  
Stadium.

The Sky Blues come up against  
Melbourne Heart as both clubs  
seek to escape the obscurity of the  
bottom half of the A-League ladder.  
Sydney particularly has performed  
below par throughout the early  
part of the season, being regularly  
criticised in the sporting media for  
failing to make the improvements  
predicted in lieu of the arrivals of  
Alessandro Del Piero, Yairo Yau  
and Kruno Lovrek during the win-  
ter break.

Sydney will hope that the appoint-  
ment of Frank Farina will help  
the players focus on performance  
rather than off-field distractions.  
During his brief tenure at the helm  
Ian Crook categorically failed to  
mould Sydney's style of play with  
either success or conviction, some-  
thing Farina will hope to achieve  
as quickly as possible. While Del  
Piero has successfully stamped  
his mark on the league with 5  
goals from 7 starts, it remains to  
be seen whether or not Sydney as  
a team can coalesce and become a  
genuine contender for the top 6, let  
alone the league title. Significant  
off-season signings have failed to  
balance the weak performances  
of Sydney's fringe players, who  
continue to demonstrate a lack of  
confidence in open play. Even in  
victory, Sydney has laboured to  
create genuine opportunities or



### The Odds

SFC 2.30  
Draw 3.40  
Heart 3.15

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## Farina Back To Break Heart's Hoodoo

Referee: Strebrel Delovski

dominate games. Wins against the  
Wanderers and Glory could easi-  
ly have turned out differently, and  
humiliations against the Roar and  
Mariners have strengthened the  
feeling of malaise surrounding FC's  
play. While youngsters Antonis,  
Malia and Petratos have potential,  
the depth of the team's first 11 has  
consistently come into question as  
in both defence and build-up the  
sky blues have failed to impress.

While the majority of the season  
still remains to be played, the Sky  
Blues need tighten up defensively  
and find greater passing fluency  
soon or they risk another season  
of mediocrity. The game against  
Heart presents an opportunity to

make that change. A team that  
has also struggled for consistency,  
Melbourne's younger franchise  
has however demonstrated its abili-  
ty to score goals and play quality  
football. The big question for the  
coming weekend is twofold: 1) Is  
Sydney able to come together out of  
adversity? 2) Will the Heart put in  
a performance worthy of its poten-  
tial? Head to head Heart have the  
edge over Sydney, with 2 wins and  
4 draws out of 6 encounters over  
the past 2 years, however FC will  
be looking to turn over a new leaf  
in more ways than one as they at-  
tempt to put a disappointing start to  
the season behind them. One thing  
remains in favour for these teams;

that this year's league is more tight-  
ly placed than ever. If either can  
keep consistency and string more  
than one or two wins together, the  
opportunity remains to climb the  
ladder and make a claim on the fi-  
nals toward the end of the season.  
In summary, Sydney and Heart  
have both demonstrated weak de-  
fence and inconsistent fluency in  
attack. Though Sydney will hope  
the appointment of Farina will spur  
them to victory, the trajectory of  
the season and form of the teams  
most indicates a scoring draw.

Kiss of Death  
Sydney FC 2-2 Heart

MELBOURNE  
HEART



## Heart Line Up

1. Clint Bolton (GK)  
4. Simon Colosimo  
5. Fred  
6. Patrick Gerhardt  
8. Matthew Thompson  
9. Dylan Macallister  
10. Josip Tadic  
14. GolGol Mebrahtu  
15. David Williams  
17. Jason Hoffman  
18. David Vrankovic  
19. Ben Garuccio  
20. Andrew Redmayne (GK)  
21. Steven Gray  
22. Nick Kalmar  
24. Sam Mitchinson  
25. Jeremy Walker  
\*Two to be omitted

Ins: Jeremy Walker (promoted –  
National Youth League)

Outs: 2. Michael Marrone (Qantas  
Socceroos international duty),  
11. Richard Garcia (Qantas Soc-  
ceroos international duty), 16.  
Aziz Behich (Qantas Socceroos  
international duty), 13. Jonatan  
Germano (Fitness – undisclosed),  
23. Mate Dugandzic (broken foot  
8-12 weeks), 31. Vince Grella (fit-  
ness – undisclosed)

Unavailable: Nil

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M A R O O R O D A S  
*Melbourne Victory Striker*  
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Boo's World

SUMMER SERIES



By Mark Boric

Frank Farina has got the gig at Sydney FC. The club has been in turmoil, the kind which would turn a teatotaller to hard liquor. If Frank ends up needing a new liver, he should avoid getting the one recently made available after the passing of Larry Hagman.

O.J.Williams, Robert Blake and Sid Vicious all got away with murder in the past. On a slightly lesser scale, Besart Berisha has been similarly well-treated for his various misdemeanours.

The referees have come under more criticism after the week-end's A-League action, perhaps it is time to bring out a marquee ref from overseas for a few games. It would allow for more of the poorer performing officials to be dropped from the panel to take a look at themselves, and make some sort of statement that something is being done about the situation rather than the usual deafening silence.

The FFV have appointed an interim CEO, whilst they wait to hear back from Harry Kewell. Surely he is looking at other avenues of employment now? It's a good time to move back to Melbourne for him, as Warney and Liz Hurley will be back in town for the Big Bash League very shortly.

Melbourne Heart still want David Beckham, but so does Uncle Harry Redknapp. On bwin he is at 5-1 to come to the Heart, but is 7-1 with Paddy Power and at 14-1 on SkyBet. Heart are still the Aussie front-runners in the betting markets, but the bookies seem to think it is between Paris



Ciao Regazzi! Alesandro Del Piero prepares to meet his third coach so far this season at SFC. Photo: ALI ERHAN

St.Germain and Queen's Park Rangers.

How poorly does Brett Emerton have to play before he drops out of Socceroo contention? Maybe he has been saved by Holger Osieck watching Sydney FC games only utilising the Del

Piero Hero-Cam and not being fully exposed to the full decline of Emmo?

Very interesting quote from former FFV CEO Mark Rendell in last week's Macca At Large column. "The VIS was set up as a club" he claimed, as the FFV put

out it's grubby little fingers to try and grab some cash off the back of Bailey Wright. Really? Did they pay \$16,000 a year in affiliation fees a season to play in the VPL? Did they have a ground which met all VPL requirements? Some club, funded by fees garnered

from the work of other clubs and then having the temerity of Oliver Twist to ask for more.

Rafa Benitez was roundly booed by the fans in his first game in charge of Chelsea. It was beyond Ernie Merrick-level of dislike from the supporters.

At the opposite end of the scale, it was heartening to see the cheers and standing ovation for Jason Culina as he made his debut for Sydney FC after two years on the sidelines with injury. Old timers would compare it to the return of the great horse Tulloch in the Queen's Plate of 1960, but that had a fairytale ending with a photo finish win over Lord, while Culina was left to languish in yet another home defeat for the Sky Blues.

Alessandro Del Piero has tried to rally the troops with a message to Sydney fans on his website. "I'm absolutely sure that we can make it" he told them. Nice sentiment, but having recently lost the Beyond Blue Cup that is the organisation he should be recommending they contact.

All Nations Cup 2012

ANC Cup Heats Up For Quarter Final Matches

By Norm Edgar

The last round of the group games were played last week-end with five games being played to determine who would go through to the quarter finals.

Group 3 started the weekend with all teams on three points. Seychelles and Albania played on the Saturday and Seychelles were the first to score through Johnathon Ash after six minutes to put Albania back on their heels. Try as they might it took Albania until close to half time to get a score on the board. Ibrahim Ibrahimi equalised after 29 minutes and then Feston Izizi put Albania ahead when he scored after 33 minutes which they took to the break. Unfortunately for Seychelles they came out for the second half to be met by a determined Albania who put the result beyond doubt and qualification for the quarter finals. Albania scored five second half goals at regular intervals from Ibrahim Ibrahimi, Feston Izizi who finished with a hatrick, and further goals from Benji Vahid and Dennis Shabanovski to win 7-1.

The other Group 3 game was played on Sunday between Mauritius and Somalia who were separated by goal difference of one goal. The teams went to half time 0-0. Mauritius had chances to score but could not put them away until the 55th minute when Reha Vrysoy scored to put Mauritius into the driving seat. Somalia however did not lie down and three minutes from the end scored the equaliser through Sami Nour and that was how it finished 1-1 to qualify Somalia for the quarter

finals by the small margin of one goal.

Group 2 games were played on Saturday and saw Cyprus play Australia. Cyprus were the form team of the group and duly despatched Australia to win 5-0 and finish top of the group undefeated while Australia finished bottom. First half goals to Kadir Adal, Ayhan Karayilan and Ratip Cileli were followed by a further two goals in the second half from Veyis Haydar and Mustapha Alibeya.

The other quarter finalist from Group 2 was decided when Italy beat Bosnia. A goal inside the first five minutes from Nicholas D'Angelo put Italy in the driving seat but it was not until the second half that Italy made certain of qualification with further goals from Arthur Papadopoulos, Jonluc Silvestri and Dominic D'Angelo to give Italy a 4-0 win and finish runner-up in the group.

Romania played Chile in the Group 1 game played on Saturday to decide which team would advance to the quarter finals and in the closest game of the day Chile won 2-1. As in the Italy versus Bosnia game the team scoring first won the game. Alex Rojas scored after six minutes, Daryl Roach added a second and Mackie Simmons replied for Romania. The other quarter finalist from this group was Scotland who had already qualified. Peru were no match for Scotland who won 4-0 on Sunday through goals from Wayne Gordon, Scot Webster, Zoran Petrevski and Max Etheridge. The two Group 4 games were played on Sunday. Ireland versus France game was to decide the quarter finalist and one goal from



Shane Rexhepi relieves the danger for Albania against Seychelles. Photo: JOHN PUNSHON



Mirrored high fives for an Albanian goal against Seychelles. Photo: JOHN PUNSHON

Alan Kearney in the second half was enough for Ireland to go through. The Serbia versus Portugal was a stroll for Serbia who won 10-0 with two goals each from Velibor Mitrovic, Milos Lujic and Vedran Tanesic and one goal from Goran Zoric, Finisa Celic, Alex Bezanovic and Nemahja Vucic

The quarter final draw will see Scotland play Somalia and Cyprus play Ireland on Saturday 1st December from 1pm and then on Sunday 2nd December at 1pm Albania play Chile followed by Serbia and Italy who face off in the last game of the weekend.



Italy's Peter Sawan (right) is confronted by Bosnia's Adem Alicevic (left) and Juso Julardzija. Photo: JOHN PUNSHON



Resul Heco (left) of Bosnia and Jon Luc Silvestri (Italy) seem to more intersted in wrestling than football. Photo: JOHN PUNSHON

Group 1	P W D L F A D Pts	Group 3	P W D L F A D Pts
Scotland	3 3 0 0 6 0 6 9 Q	Albania	3 2 0 1 9 3 6 6 Q
Chile	3 2 0 1 5 2 3 6 Q	Somalia	3 1 1 1 6 6 0 4 Q
Romania	3 1 0 2 5 3 2 3	Mauritius	3 1 1 1 3 4 -1 4
Peru	3 0 0 3 0 11 -11 0	Seychelles	3 1 0 2 7 12 -5 3
Group 2	P W D L F A D Pts	Group 4	P W D L F A D Pts
Cyprus	3 3 0 0 9 2 7 9 Q	Serbia	3 3 0 0 15 3 12 9 Q
Italy	3 2 0 1 13 3 10 6 Q	Ireland	3 2 0 1 4 3 1 6 Q
Bosnia	3 1 0 2 4 7 -3 3	France	3 1 0 2 8 6 2 3
Australia	3 0 0 3 2 16 -14 0	Portugal	3 0 0 3 3 18 -15 0



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# Victory takes top spot as Mariners stumble

By Daniel Quinn

In round 6 the Melbourne Victory jumped the Central Coast Mariners to the top of the NYL ladder as the Victory won, whilst the Mariners fell to the Roar, while Sydney recorded consecutive wins.

The rescheduled fixture from round one was played on Wednesday afternoon as Sydney FC made it back-to-back victories with an 8-0 trouncing win over the AIS at the AIS track.

Peter Triantis got the scoring under way with a stunning curling free-kick from 25 metres out, before two thumping Alex Urosevski strikes in the space of a minute extended the lead.

Nikola Taneski added a fourth shortly after the break with a superb finish, before Urosevski completed his hat-trick in spectacular style flicking the ball over the defence before whacking a strike through the legs of AIS 'keeper Andree Jannese.

Triantis, Christopher Naumoff and Jared Lum further added to the scoresheet with clinical strikes.

Sydney FC then took on Adelaide United on Saturday afternoon at Leichhardt Oval, but fell 3-0 to the Reds.

Senior winger Iain Ramsay delightfully found Awer Mabil who simply finished from close range after 18 minutes.

Another senior midfielder was involved for the Reds second with Zenon Caravella turning and firing past Sky Blues goalkeeper Ryan Norval.

Thomas Briscoe's directed header from Jacob Melling's dangerous free-kick then secured the three points.

The Central Coast Mariners' undefeated run was ended by a ten men Brisbane outfit with the



Evan Batsis (Heart) stops James Virgili (Jets) in his tracks. Photo: JOHN PUNSHON

Roar finishing 1-0 victors. Luke Brattan was given his marching orders for dissent six minutes before the break, but that pushed the Roar.

Both sides had plenty of chances, but Roar 'keeper Nicholas Tubbs was in fine form pulling off multiple key saves in a man of the match performance, before James Meyer broke the deadlock seven minutes from time.

The Melbourne Heart convincingly defeated the Newcastle Jets 3-0 at John Cain Park on Sunday,

doing what the senior side couldn't do hours before.

Heart took a two goal lead into the half-time break through a terrific Paulo Retre half-volley, before Evan Batsis swept home a low Jeremy Walker cross.

Ten minutes from time substitute Zac Walker squeezed the third through Jets 'keeper Jack Duncan capping off the victory.

After the AIS' annihilating from Sydney FC the Institute travelled to Campbelltown Stadium and took on Western Sydney, but the Wan-



Despite appearances Ersin Kaya (Heart) is not committing handball in this heading contest against Mitch Cooper (Jets). Photo: JOHN PUNSHON

derers were triumphant 2-1 thanks to a late Daniel Barac winner.

The AIS shocked the hosts taking the lead on 26 minutes with Joshua Barresi's terrific volley via the far post. But with 12 minutes remaining the Wanderers equalised with Kwabena Appiah-Kubi composedly finishing from an acute angle. Half-time substitute Daniel Barac then snatched all three points in stoppage-time bundling in from close range.

The Melbourne Victory have jumped to top of the NYL ladder with a 3-0 win over the Perth Glory at Intiga Stadium on Sunday. John Buceto got the scoring under way three minutes before half-time sliding past Glory custodian Lewis Italiano, before the midfielder dispatched his second. Luc Jeggo then added the third wrapping up the three points as the Victory go top with a superior goal difference.

## Round 5 Results

Perth Glory 0  
Melbourne Victory 3 (Buceto 42, 50, Luc Jeggo 66)

Western Sydney Wanderers 2  
(Appiah-Kubi 78, Barac 90+1)  
AIS 1 (Barresi 26)

Melbourne Heart 3 (Retre 6, Batsis 22, Z. Walker 80)  
Newcastle Jets 0

Brisbane Roar 1 (James Meyer 83)  
Central Coast Mariners 0

Sydney FC 0  
Adelaide United 3 (Awer Mabil 18', Zenon Caravella 39', Thomas Briscoe 62')

## NYL Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
1 Melbourne Victory	6	5	0	2	20	6	14	15
2 CC Mariners	6	5	0	1	11	6	5	15
3 Newcastle Jets	6	3	1	2	16	10	6	10
4 Brisbane Roar	6	3	1	2	10	8	2	10
5 W Syd Wanderers	6	2	3	1	10	10	0	9
6 Adelaide United	6	2	2	2	12	9	3	8
7 Melbourne Heart	6	2	1	2	6	8	-2	7
8 Perth Glory	6	2	0	4	12	11	1	6
9 Sydney FC	6	2	0	4	16	16	0	6
10 AIS	6	0	0	6	5	25	-20	0

## Round 6 Fixtures

Sydney FC v Adelaide United  
Leichhardt Oval  
Saturday 24 November KO 2:00 PM

CC Mariners v Brisbane Roar  
Centre of Excellence, Tuggerah  
Saturday 24 November KO 4:00 PM

Melbourne Heart v Newcastle Jets  
John Cain Memorial Reserve, Thornbury  
Sunday 25 November KO 3:00 PM

Western Sydney v AIS  
Campbelltown Stadium  
Sunday 25 November KO 4:45 PM

Perth Glory v Melbourne Victory  
Intiga Stadium, Inglewood  
Sunday 25 November KO 6:00 PM



## W-League Wrap



# SFC bounces back onto the winner's list

By Ann Odong

Brisbane Roar 3  
Melbourne Victory 2

In a game with several twists and turns Brisbane Roar defeated Melbourne Victory 3-2 thanks to a 95th-minute winner from Roar defender Ashley Spina.

Anchored by Lana Harch centrally, the Roar controlled the early proceedings and 19 minutes in striker Amy Chapman converted the dominance on the scoreboard. Given space 25 yards out, the former Matilda unleashed a stunning drive. Melbourne 'keeper Cassie Dimovski looked to have tipped the strike onto the underside of the cross bar before collecting, but the Assistant Lineswoman deemed it a goal to the consternation of the visitors. Melbourne regrouped and seven minutes late looked to have pulled level when Jess McDonald found Tiffany Eliadis' run but the striker pulled her shot wide.

It was the Victory who commenced the second half the stronger with Swede Petra Larsson coming to the fore. Five minutes into the half, she latched onto a loose defensive pass to beat Roar 'keeper Hoshima Kishi but not the upright. Finally the Victory pulled level in the 72nd minute when Larsson's throw found substitute Laura Spiranovic who turned neatly to finish in the bottom left corner. Heading towards the end of the regulation 90, Chapman struck once again when she slotted home a Emma Pittman cutback. With 5 minutes additional time due to Harch's injury, McDonald made the most



American striker Jessica McDonald was also on target for the Melbourne Victory. Photo: EMILY MOGIC

of it when she calmly turn home a lovely ball to looked to have claimed a point for the visitors. However, in space and with Dimovski off her line, Spina's curling strike in the 95th gave her side all three points.

Adelaide United 0  
Sydney FC 4

After back to back losses, Sydney FC returned to the winners' circle with a comfortable 4-0 win over Adelaide United to leap frog into second position on the W-League table.

Sydney commanded the match from the outset and were ahead inside the first five minutes with Renee Rollason heading home a pin point Ellyse Perry free kick. Seven minutes later the Sky Blues

doubled their advantage when Emma Kete cleaned up a sloppy back pass to play in Nicola Bolger. Bolger's sharp strike forced Adelaide goalkeeper Kristi Harvey to parry it but only to the feet of the incoming Kete who tapped home.

The second half was more of the same from Sydney and minutes from the hour mark they put the result beyond doubt. Striker Chloe Logarzo put a claim in to retain the starting position with a stunning top corner effort from distance for Sydney's third. 13 minutes later she produced her third goal in two games as she wrong footed Harvey for the Sky Blues' fourth goal of the afternoon.



Amy Chapman betted a brilliant brace to help Brisbane Roar. Photo: EMILY MOGIC

Western Sydney 3  
Newcastle Jets 0

Two goals to captain Sarah Walsh fired the Western Sydney Wanderers to a 3-0 win over the Newcastle Jets and into third position on the Westfield W-League ladder.

The match started sluggishly in the opening 20 minutes but it the home side hit their stride first. Walsh gave the Wanderers the lead with a moment of brilliance. After finding some space, the striker unloaded from distance beating Jets custodian Eliza Campbell. Tori Huster and Gema Simon went to work for the Jets but a solid Wanderers defence denied them a clear sight at goal.

With a handy lead, Western Sydney doubled it just 10 minutes into

the second half with a lovely team effort. Cannuli and Rachael Soutar combined to release Louise Fors on the left flank. The Swede then delivered a well weighted back post cross to Walsh who headed home for her second. Walsh went close to gaining her hatrick minutes later only to be denied by Campbell. Substitute Michaela Hatzirodos and Madeline Searl worked to pull one back for the Jets but the latter's shot spilled wide of the target. Productive last week Alicia Bass fashioned a couple of chances with no result before Candace Sciberras put the result beyond doubt when she volleyed home the rebound from a Trudy Camilleri effort.

## Round 6 Results

Western Sydney Wanderers 3 (Walsh 23, 54 Sciberras 90+3)  
Newcastle Jets 0

Adelaide United 0  
Sydney FC 4 (Rollason 4, Kete 11, Logarzo 58, 77)

Brisbane Roar 3 (Amy CHAPMAN 19', 86', Ashley SPINA 90+5')

Melbourne Victory 2 (Laura SPIRANOVIC 72', Jessica McDONALD 90+2')

## W-League Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
1 Perth Glory	5	4	0	1	13	5	8	12
2 Sydney FC	6	3	1	2	13	9	4	10
3 WS Wanderers	6	3	1	2	11	7	4	10
4 Brisbane Roar	6	3	1	2	8	7	1	10
6 Melbourne Victory	6	3	0	3	8	7	1	9
5 Canberra United	5	2	2	1	9	5	4	8
7 Newcastle Jets	6	1	1	4	8	18	-10	4
8 Adelaide United	6	1	0	5	6	17	-11	3

## Round 7 Fixtures

Sat 1 Dec 12 10:00am  
Sydney FC Vs Canberra United  
Leichhardt Oval, Sydney

Sat 1 Dec 12 2:00pm  
Adelaide United Vs Melbourne Victory  
Burton Park

Sat 1 Dec 12 4:00pm  
Perth Glory Vs WS Wanderers FC  
Intiga Stadium

Sun 2 Dec 12 2:00pm  
Newcastle Jets Vs Brisbane Roar  
Wanderers Oval

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Monday December 2nd  
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Monday December 2nd  
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08:00 am Bundesliga Weekly Highlights

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03:00 am Arsenal TV

Thursday 4th Dec  
02:00 am Magic Of The FA Cup  
03:00 am Bundesliga  
05:00 am Bundesliga Weekly Highlights



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Copa Sudamericana Semi-Final 2nd Leg  
Millonarios v Tigre 11:10am LIVE  
Bundesliga Round 14 Preview Show 7:00pm 1st Airing

SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER  
npower Championship Birmingham v Middlesbrough 6:40am LIVE  
Bundesliga Fortuna v Frankfurt 9:00am 1st Airing  
Blue Square Premier Southport v Lincoln 9:00am 1st Airing  
Copa Sudamericana Highlights 7:00pm 1st Airing  
Scottish Cup Round 4 Ross County v Inverness 11:10pm LIVE

SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER  
Bundesliga Bayern v Dortmund 4:25am LIVE  
Eredivisie Ajax v PSV 6:40am LIVE  
Eredivisie Twente v Den Haag 8:45am 1st Airing  
npower Championship Crystal Palace v Brighton 10:30am 1st Airing  
npower Championship Leicester v Derby 2:35pm 1st Airing  
Bundesliga Schalke v Monchengladbach 4:55pm 1st Airing

MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER  
Scottish Cup Round 4 Rangers v Elgin 12:10am LIVE  
Scottish Cup Round 4 Hibernian v Hearts 2:25am LIVE  
Bundesliga Wolfsburg v Hamburg 5:30am 1st Airing  
Eredivisie Feyenoord v RKC 7:20am 1st Airing  
Primera Division Teams TBC 9:10am LIVE  
Bundesliga Hoffenheim v Bremen 1:25pm 1st Airing  
Primera Division Round 18 Teams TBC 5:10pm 1st Airing  
Bundesliga Round 15 Highlights 7:00pm 1st Airing

TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER  
npower Championship Highlights 7:00pm 1st Airing  
Eredivisie Highlights 7:30pm 1st Airing

THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER  
Copa Sudamericana Final 1st Leg Teams TBC 10:55am LIVE

FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER  
Europa League Udinese v Liverpool 4:55am LIVE  
Europa League Tottenham v Panathinaikos 7:00am LIVE  
Europa League Bordeaux v Newcastle 9:15am 1st Airing  
Europa League Teams TBC 11:05am 1st Airing  
Blue Square Premier Round 21 Newport v Luton 1:30pm 1st Airing  
UEFA Europa League Matchday 6 Highlights 7:00pm 1st Airing  
Bundesliga Round 16 Preview Show 8:00pm 1st Airing

Round 09: ASK THE EXPERTS

THE VERDICT

Victory (7) Glory (5) Draw (0) - Mariners (5) AUFC (0) Draw (3) - Roar (2) Jets (2) Draw (4) - Phoenix (7) Wanderers (0) Draw (1) - SFC (3) Heart (1) Draw (4)

**SANTO CILAURO** **15**

Victory  
Draw  
Roar  
Phoenix  
Sydney

Last week: 0

**CRAIG MACKENZIE** **17**

Victory  
Central Coast  
Draw  
Phoenix  
Draw

Last week: 3

**EDDIE KRNEVIC** **14**

Victory  
Draw  
Draw  
Phoenix  
Sydney FC

Last week: 2

**PETER KATHOLOS** **15**

Victory  
Draw  
Newcastle  
Draw  
Melbourne Heart

Last week: 3

**ROGER SLEEMAN** **20**

Victory  
Mariners  
Draw  
Phoenix  
Draw

Last week: 4

**ANDY HARPER** **15**

Victory  
Mariners  
Roar  
Phoenix  
Heart

Last week: 2

**JOHN DOYLE** **17**

Glory  
Mariners  
Jets  
Phoenix  
Sydney FC

Last week: 2

**KISS OF DEATH** **15**

Victory  
Mariners  
Draw  
Phoenix  
Draw

Last week: 1

Papas building Indian success

STANDING in a boardroom, looking out to the distant Melbourne skyline, Arthur Papas can see his future.

Behind him lies the north-western suburbs of his youth; ahead, packed stadiums and title-winning teams.

The 32-year-old former Oakleigh Cannons Victorian Premier League manager has abundant ambition and, judging by his career to date, the ability to match it.

Ambition enough to take on a task so grand, it has the full weight of FIFA behind it.

Football's final frontier: India.

As the Indian national under-23 coach and head coach of Kolkata-based I-League team Pailan Arrows, Papas is on the frontline.

"I just felt like this was an opportunity that doesn't come along every day," Papas said, some six months into his twin roles.

"If you look at China 10 years ago, domestically it was a mess. Now the highest-paid players are in China.

"I believe, in five years time, that's going to be India.

"Lionel Messi came to play with Argentina, there were 100,000 people there.

"They really like football, they're just not happy with how it's being played in India."

Papas is a football missionary, preaching the game to a people long-devoted to another, a devotion expressed with near-religious fervour.

While cricket is undeniably the code of choice, India has a football pedigree unseen from the outside. Kolkata is home to the Salt Lake Stadium, a 120,000 capacity behemoth, and the local derby between East Bengal and Mohun Bagan AC will fill every seat.

"Kolkata is so crazy about football it's not funny. People don't realise," Papas said. "When I'm driving around, I don't see people playing cricket, they're playing football everywhere.

"Cricket's been exhausted. It'll still always be very popular but I don't think it has the appeal that football can."

Papas was in Melbourne only as



India U23 coach Arthur Papas with captain Jeje Lalpeklua, was back in Melbourne recently.

a stopover, sorting through international red-tape, before heading back for the start of the I-League season.

The view from the Maribyrnong Sports Academy boardroom provided a stark reminder of the realities of his role; the streets of Kolkata are a long way from those of home.

"Kolkata is very different to anywhere I've ever seen," Papas said. "And it's challenging, really challenging.

"But it's something you've got to embrace as well, and you've got to adjust with it. Because, if you don't, you're not going to last long."

Where most managers come to the profession as retired professionals, Papas didn't have that luxury.

A handy footballer with Thomastown, Heidelberg and South Melbourne, injuries prevented him from finding out how good he might have been.

But, instead of wallowing in his broken dream, he became a man with a plan.

He was 25, he knew what he wanted, and he wrote down how to get it.

"I thought to myself, if you're going to do it, you're not going to be able to say you're a Soccerroo, so you might as well have something else behind you that stacks up," he recalls.

"I researched a lot of coaches

overseas. All of them have real qualifications in physical education. So that's what I would do."

Papas got his sports science degree from Victoria Uni, via Ballarat, and found a job as an assistant in the Victorian Premier League.

His big break came when FFA technical director Rob Baan selected him for a coaching scholarship at the AIS, where he learned the trade under another Dutchman, Jan Versleijen.

What followed was a rapid rise through the ranks: he coached Oakleigh to its first-ever VPL grand final, joined Melbourne Heart as an assistant to youth team coach John Aloisi, then moved to lead the Newcastle Jets' youth team under Gary van Egmond, all in the space of 18 months.

When an offer floated in from India, where former FFA man Baan had taken over as technical director, Papas was tempted.

When the Jets began to have ownership issues, he jumped on a plane, taking fellow Melburnian Aaron Symons along as an assistant.

"I went there, I sat down with Rob Baan, I saw what was happening," he said. "The challenge of coaching at an AFC Championships was a draw; I ended up being the youngest guy in the world to coach that level.

"I wanted that as well. It was perfect. It was a good decision. A lot of

doors are opening."

While coaching is a stressful profession, Papas isn't wearing the effects just yet. He's a young man in what has long been an old man's game.

And he couldn't give a stuff.

"People have this thing; they say 'you're 32, you should just stay as an assistant'. I don't want to be an assistant. I've been coaching since I was 25. I have experience, I just don't have age."

It's been working for Papas's Pailan so far. The Arrows are third on the I-League table, unbeaten after four rounds, with two wins and two draws.

More importantly, says the coach, the young Arrows are doing it with some style.

The Arrows are a unique club, as they effectively function as a development squad for young Indian national players.

Given his role in nurturing India's future stars, Papas's job is to ensure they not only play winning football, but also play the right kind of football: passing, possession football.

The goal, too, is clear; India wants to be at the 2022 World Cup.

With FIFA's investment, and a nation of billions to impress, there's plenty of pressure on Papas to deliver. It's something he thrives on.

"Initially, I put a lot of pressure on myself to succeed. Now I know I can," he said.

"Good coaches have been sacked before. I need to get sacked, I've never been sacked. I'm one day closer to it today.

"I'm comfortable with what I know, and how I work, to know at least I'm getting the best out of myself. That's a good place to be in."

As for where he wants to go, the sweeping view across his home city might have inspired Papas's response.

"I'd like to come back as a head coach in the A-League and win a championship."

Bold words, perhaps, but it would be bolder to bet against him succeeding.

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# MACCA AT LARGE

With Craig MacKenzie

## Agent 264146 reporting for duty, sir

I WONDER if agent 264146 likes martinis? Shaken, not stirred of course.

He's one of 41 licensed player agents registered with Football Federation Australia. Not as many agents as Control or Chaos and currently dwindling in number.

"FFA is in the process of culling them at the moment because a lot of them are inactive," said 264146 as he glanced nervously over his shoulder wondering if he was going to be next.

We're in a dimly lit alleyway close to the World of Soccer shop in Lonsdale Street in the Victorian suburb of Dandenong.

Not really.

The licensed agent is former Socceroo Steve Blair with 24 national team appearances to his name and he's on the other end of the phone. When he's not running his World of Soccer shop he's the principal of On the Ball Management and he's giving me an invaluable insight into the player agency industry.

"There's a lot of cloak and dagger stuff that goes on, not just with clubs but even among player agents," he said.

"The whole industry is very, very competitive."

But even after FFA completes its cull Blair and the remaining agents will still face competition from amateurs and FFA's inability to ban unlicensed people from representing players is what rankles the most.

"It's a simple matter of the authorities enforcing their own regulation that the only people that can sign contracts on behalf of a player are licensed agents or solicitors. Even though that's part of their rules and regulations they still allow a player to go to a club and say 'Bill Smith's my uncle and he's my manager' and clubs still deal with these people."

"Banning the clubs from doing so would put a stop to all this nonsense."

"I get really annoyed with all these illegal operators. There are a lot of people out there who basically talk a load of crap and don't know anything about the game and they are not the sort of people who should be representing young players."

"It's really frustrating when you have studied and paid to sit for your licence as well as paying for insurance."

Part of the problem lies with the fact that player agents have not embedded themselves in our football psyche the way they have in other countries.

"A lot of clubs bypass player agents and deal with the player directly and openly tell the player that they prefer to do business that way."

"Player agents are a necessary and integral part of professional football overseas but not here, in fact there was one famous A-League coach who openly stated some years ago that he wouldn't deal with player agents. That's laughable."

Blair speaks from a position of authority. He set up On the Ball Management back in 2001 and when he successfully sat for his FFA player agent licence some years back he was one of the first former Socceros to do so. The other was Eddie Krncevic.

"The FFA licence is the first part of the exam and the FIFA section is next and once you are licensed then it's up to those authorities to deregister you if they wish."

"Right now I think it's around \$3000 to sit the exam but to maintain your licence you have to take out public liability insurance for a minimum of US\$1 million. That has to be current and to maintain that level of insurance you are looking at \$5000 or more annually."

Blair's successful club career took in Albion Rovers, South Melbourne and Preston Makedonia and ended at Moorabbin in the 1990s alongside his pals Iain Stirton, Jim Nelson and Stevie Marley among others.

He toyed with the idea of moving into coaching but that didn't last long.

"I didn't think that I was confident enough to coach. I didn't think I had the personality to do it," he said.

"I'd negotiated my own playing contracts throughout my career and I had a background in business management so becoming a player agent seemed like a logical move."

"And I really enjoy working with younger players and giving them the kind of advice that I wished I'd had when I was their age."

On the Ball specialises in career management, brokering marketing and sponsorship deals, personal management, legal advice and representation, and financial management.

"I wish I was given financial management advice when I was at South Melbourne years ago. I can see that now and that's part of what we provide."

"It's much more than just to do with football because we offer personal advice to young players on



The name is Blair, Steve Blair. Football agent and former Socceroo star Steve Blair shares a moment with former goalkeeping ace Peter Blasby, at the World of Soccer shop in Dandenong, complete with calling card.

how to conduct themselves both on and off the park, things such as nutrition advice, socialising and even dealing with the media."

But it's not just about placing his clients on an upward learning curve as Blair too has learned a lot from recent experience.

"I get about 50 emails a day from people wanting me to arrange trials here or overseas and to be honest I've learned a lot about sending kids overseas because if they're not better than what they've already got over there then it's not worth sending them."

"I get calls from people involved with lower league reserve teams wanting me to set up overseas trials and you've simply got to tell them just how hard it is to get picked up."

"I guess everyone is looking for that diamond out there that is eventually going to shine and I suppose we'll just have to keep on looking." What underpins Blair's success as a player manager are the healthy relationships he enjoys with both FFA and Professional Footballers Australia.

"When I first dealt with the PFA it was with guys like Brendan Schwab and John Didulica (current Melbourne Heart Football Operations Manager) and I have to say that they were great to deal with. They were very, very helpful."

"On the one hand you could say that the PFA are against player agents but those guys helped me when I wanted to get licensed and pointed me in the right direction. "At the end of the day we need to get on with each other because from my perspective we both have players' interests at heart."

These licensed player agents are part of a group headed by Lou Sticca that obviously FFA recognises and liaises with although as Blair says they haven't had many meetings in recent times.

"I think there's probably been a wee bit too much politics going on at FFA level where they've had to

deal with other issues but that will change."

Blair cites his network of contacts built over decades in the game as a major advantage.

"I guess I've got that over a lot of other agents really. I can act from a position of power in a sense because I can pick up the phone and talk to Ange (Postecoglou), Kossie (John Kosmina) or Munro (Stuart Munro) any time. And plenty of others."

"Mind you that doesn't always help. I battered down Ange's door about David Stirton but I just drew a blank on that one."

(Stirton, leading scorer with VPL outfit Southern Stars last season and one of the finest young talents in Victorian football, signed with Bentleigh Greens earlier this week.)

"At the end of the day no matter what people think about player agents we are governed by regulations. For example, if you sign up a player on a representation contract the maximum period is two years. The player gets a copy of that agreement and another copy has to be lodged with FFA."

The point Blair is making is that there is clear and (from what he tells me) unambiguous documentation involved.

"I get on fine with FFA and that's important in what I do."

"The most important person in the whole situation is the player. I never lose sight of that because I was a player and I know how it feels to be a player. I think that's an advantage to both me and my clients."

**It's Farina for the short haul**  
**GOOD** luck to Frank Farina and his short-term deal as head coach of Sydney FC.

I guess the ex-Socceroo boss reasons that if he impresses between now and the end of the season he might get the gig on a full-time basis.

And now we know why Newcastle

Jets' main man, Gary van Egmond, decided to pass up the opportunity to take up an interim deal.

As soon as word got out that Sydney only wanted to hire someone until the end of the current season quite a few well-credentialed candidates withdrew from the contest. Among them Ernie Merrick, the most successful coach in A-League history.

"I withdrew from the Sydney job when I found out they were looking for someone until the end of this season only," said Merrick.

And what of the future for the Sydney hot seat?

My info is that at the end of this season the Sky Blues will embark on a global recruiting drive as the board is hell-bent on hiring an overseas coach.

As I said at the outset, good luck Frank.

**AFC recognises Aussie duo**  
**PHIL** Diamataris will create history when he becomes an AFC match commissioner.

He flies to Kuala Lumpur on 5

January for five days along with Simon Roberts as both have been selected to attend a football seminar where the processes and responsibilities involved at AFC level will be outlined.

Diamataris is the first A-League match commissioner to be elevated to AFC status and is delighted with the news.

"I'm stoked. This isn't the sort of thing that comes along every day and I think it's a huge honour for Australia. I'm absolutely privileged to be invited to do this," he said.

"A lot of our match commissioners here are ex-referees but I'm different. I'm an ex-player, ex-coach and a former administrator and I like to think that if other people in the same boat want to go down that road then there's a pathway for them too."

"I really hope this sets a precedent for other people here involved in the game and I hope that I can do well enough to lay the groundwork for those that follow."

We hear you, Phil. Loud and clear. You're doing us proud pal.



Phil Diamataris will create history as the first A-League commissioner to hit the rank of AFC status.

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# A new west wind: The early days of Perth Glory

## Blast From The Past



By Roy Hay

When the National Soccer League was being planned in the mid-1970s Western Australia sought to join the new competition, but its application was knocked back by their counterparts in the eastern states, almost certainly because of the transport costs involved.

As a compromise it was suggested that the winner of the NSL engage in a play-off with the Western Australian champion at the end of the season, but that idea was also stillborn. As a sop the westerners were allowed to take part in the Phillips knock-out Cup in 1978, and Spearwood Dalmatinac reached the quarter-final in 1980. The club explored the feasibility of entering the NSL but did not proceed beyond that. Nevertheless, the idea of taking part in the national competition never completely died in the west.

In 1990, leading club Perth Italia prepared a more substantial report attempting to clear the ground for entry into the NSL, but by the early 1990s it appeared that the league was likely to reduce rather than increase the number of participants. In those circumstances the resourceful Western Australians looked to Asia, accepting an invitation to field a team in the Singapore Premier League. So the Perth Kangaroos were formed as a new team and it picked up a number of excellent players including Michael Petkovic, Gareth and Craig Naven, Scott Miller and Vince Matassa with Gary Marocchi as coach.

The birth of the new club was not smooth as taking players away from the existing ones caused friction, while attracting crowds, financing the new entity and paying the players proved difficult. Nevertheless on the field the Kangaroos were a success, winning the league undefeated.

It must have embarrassed the leadership of the Australian Soccer Federation that Western Australia was prepared to go it alone into Asia. Before the season was completed the president, John Constantine, CEO Ian Holmes and Peter Russell of



Former prolific goalscorer Bobby Despotovski and championship winning coach Bernd Stange, at a recent Perth Glory Legends gathering.



The ever-present Damian Mori hauled 84 goals in 129 appearances for the club in two spells (2000-2004 and 2005-2006).



Perth Glory wins the last ever NSL championship after defeating Parramatta Power 1-0 (AET) in 2004.

the NSL met the representatives of the Soccer Administration of Western Australia (SAWA) but the green light for the entry to the league may have been a byproduct of the election campaign of David Hill, who became chair of the ASF in 1995. Some of those involved have certainly claimed as much. The prime mover in this new venture was Nick Tana, who assisted the Kangaroos to complete their commitments, but kept his focus on the domestic goal.

Though Tana had a long-standing interest in the game, he approached the setting up and development of the new club

as a commercial proposition from the start. As he said on the ABC's Sports Factor in 2005, 'I remember as a six-year-old lad going to see soccer matches in those days, held back by just a rope, where there'd be 10,000, 15,000 people watching local games. And it's always been something that's very close to my heart, to the extent where I've always believed it can be commercialised, then one day that day would come where the game would be truly commercialised, no different to what other codes are.' So it was Tana's company Arena Investments which obtained the

coveted NSL Licence and Perth Glory was launched in December 1995.

The new club's first NSL game was at Perth Oval, converted from a cricket and football ground into a rectangular arena by the insertion of a temporary stand, but retaining the curved shed behind the goal at one end where the fans congregated. UTS Olympic proved too strong for the newcomers, with Geelong's Kris Trajanovski scoring twice in a four-one win. Bobby Despotovski missed a penalty and Doug Ithier conceded an own goal, but Alan Mackenzie got the Glory's first goal with a

minute left to play.

Perth Glory team for its first match in the National Soccer League at Perth Oval on 13 October 1996.

*Tom Maras, Doug Ithier, Gareth Naven, Gavin Wilkinson (Dale Wingell 67), Vinko Buljubasic, Paul McVittie, Paul Strudwick (Vladimir Beretovac 70), Slobodan Despotovski, Alan Mackenzie, Scott Miller, Craig Naven.*

Perth settled into the league and finished seventh in a 14-team competition. Despotovski was the club's top scorer with 14 goals and third overall in the League. Attendances, boosted

by some innovative marketing and promotion, were excellent in that first season, averaging 11,871, while 17,582 packed into the ground for the clash with Marconi in January 1997. Along the way Glory beat South Melbourne four-nil and Canberra Cosmos six-nil.

The recruitment of German coach Bernd Stange and his assistant Mitch D'Avray, South African-born and former Ipswich Town player in 1998, saw the Glory begin the rise that would take it to a grand final in 2000 and in 2003-04 to back-to-back championships.

The full story is told in fine detail in Richard Kreider's superb history of the game in the west, entitled Paddock to Pitches. Richard's book can be obtained through the website at: <http://www.paddockstopitches.com/home.html> <<http://www.paddockstopitches.com/home.html>>

The composition of the big Glory crowd has attracted attention from academics some of whom have concentrated on the 'active' supporters who consciously modeled themselves on their English peers. But Chris Egan is broadening the focus to encompass the multi-cultural element that was there at the start of the Glory and has stuck with it into the A-League. Glory in many ways pioneered 'new football' and is intensely proud of its history. It has successfully resisted attempts to restrict its story to the period since 2005.

*I am indebted to Richard Kreider and Chris Egan for much of the information in this column.*

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VICTORIA'S LEADER IN TEAM WEAR





# Pascoe Vale FC Takes Control

Sunday was round four of the Nike V-League and it showcased goals, cards, emotion and quality futsal. After an exciting four rounds the table has a familiar look at the top with Pascoe Vale and Vic Vipers leading the way. However the top 5 clubs are only separated by one point so the 2012/13 season is shaping up to be a good one.

## Ashburton win a thriller over FC Balwyn

It surely had to go down as match of the round as this game had a little of everything. Matteo Rocca starred for Ashburton with a hat-trick the big Italian seems to be relishing working under coach Gui Costa. FC Balwyn were left disappointed with the result even though Reado Luka tried to inspire Balwyn with a Hat-trick. This looks to be the beginning of a good rivalry between the two clubs and we are already looking forward to the return fixture.

Ashburton FC 5 (M. Rocca 3, A. Farina 1, R. Ferguson) def. FC Balwyn 4 (R. Luka 3, B. Bodo 1)

## CF Brunswick records first win of the season

CF Brunswick got off to the perfect start with a four goal opening half that FC Essendon could not recover from. The second half was more of the same for Brunswick as Anthony Colosimo added to his two strikes in the first half with another two in the second half to give Brunswick a 6-0 victory. FC Essendon look like they have their work cut out if they are to stay in the top flight come the end of the season.

CF Brunswick 6 (A. Colosimo 4, D. Duva 1, H. Avdic 1) def. FC Essendon 0

## FC Prahran ease past Brighton FC

In the first half Brighton proved on their day they can match anyone and only if there was some composure in front of goals the score could have been different. FC Prahran started slowly but went into the break leading 3-0 as there clinical finishing was the only difference. The second half Cameron Holmes stole the show scoring 5 goals as Prahran went



CF Brunswick are on the attack against FC Essendon. Photo: DAMIAN BRIGGS



Ashburton FC's Matteo Rocca scores the winner from the 10 metre penalty sport as Ashburton win 5-4 over FC Balwyn. Photo: DAMIAN BRIGGS

onto record a 9-4 victory over the winless Brighton.

FC Prahran 9 (C.Holmes 5, R.Evangelista 2, M.McGough 2) def. Brighton FC 4 (H.Shaman 2, C.Saffko 2)

## Pascoe Vale rise to the top as they dispose of Hume

Pascoe Vale leads the way on the V-League table on goal difference after a decent performance against Hume FC. It was an even first half with both teams finding

the back of the net twice and it looked like we were shaping up to have a thriller. The second half Pascoe Vale didn't read the script and they dominated the second half with Ernie Simsek bagging 4 goals and Jose Portillo getting a hat-trick. Hume scored some late consolation goals from the poor Pascoe Vale defence and the match finished 11-6 to the 2012 V-League premiers.

Pascoe Vale FC 11 (E.Simsek 4, J.Portillo 3, J.Da Silva 2, S.Soufi,

(S.Rashidi OG) def. Hume FC 6 (M.Vragoski 2, M.Parlak, S.Rashidi, V.Mazurskiy, J.Portillo OG)

## Vipers come from behind to down Fitzroy

Fitzroy FC have let another game slip out of their grasp after leading 3-1 at half time, they have some how found another way to drop points this season. Vic Vipers seemed to really struggle to find any momentum throughout the game and it was

unfamiliar situation for the Vipers and it was left to Jason Barrientos to inspire the Vipers with his four goals, the Vipers class was enough to get them across the line and keep the pressure on rivals Pascoe Vale.

Vic Vipers FC 6 (Jas Barrientos 4, A.Cooper, Jon Barrientos) def. Fitzroy FC 5 (A.Azzam, A.Husseni, A.Hammer, A.Alicevic, K.Majbouri)

## Metro bring Moreland FC to a halt

For the first time this season Metropolitan look like they mean business and they were unrelenting against newly promoted Moreland. This match saw 3 Metro players bag hat-tricks with brothers Alija and Dino Redzepovic and Juso Julardzija helping himself to a four goals. Moreland looked a little flat and their recent good run of form may have caught up with them, but they will be looking to put on more of a show in round 5 against league leaders Pascoe Vale.

Metropolitan FC 11 (J.Julardzija 4, A.Redzepovic 3, D.Redzepovic 3, T.Grgic) def. Moreland FC 4 (O.Kose 2, T.Sumbul, B.Koc)

## V-League Standings

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Pascoe Vale FC	4	3	1	0	38	16	+22	10
2 Vic Vipers FC	4	3	1	0	23	12	+11	10
3 Ashburton FC	4	3	1	0	18	9	+9	10
4 Metropolitan FC	4	3	0	1	33	18	+15	9
5 Moreland FC	4	3	0	1	23	23	0	9
6 Hume FC	4	2	1	1	30	15	+15	7
7 Fitzroy FC	4	1	1	2	16	16	0	4
8 FC Balwyn	4	1	1	2	20	26	-6	4
9 CF Brunswick	4	1	0	3	15	19	-4	3
10 FC Prahran	4	1	0	3	16	29	-13	3
11 Brighton FC	4	0	0	4	9	26	-17	0
12 FC Essendon	4	0	0	4	5	37	-32	0

## Round 4 Clashes Sunday November 25

•2:00 FC Balwyn 4-5 Ashburton FC  
•3:00 CF Brunswick 6-0 FC Essendon  
•4:00 Brighton FC 4-9 FC Prahran  
•5:00 Pascoe Vale FC 11-6 Hume FC  
•6:00 Vic Vipers 6-5 Fitzroy FC  
•7:00 Moreland FC 4-11 Metropolitan FC

## Round 5 Clashes Sunday December 2

• 2:00 pm FC Prahran vs FC Balwyn  
• 3:00 pm Hume FC VS Brighton FC  
• 4:00 pm Moreland FC VS Pascoe Vale FC  
• 5:00 pm Ashburton FC VS FC Essendon  
• 6:00 pm Fitzroy FC VS CF Brunswick  
• 7:00 pm Vic Vipers FC VS Metropolitan FC

## Top Goal Scorers

Burukan Koca (Moreland FC) – 11 Goals  
Jose Portillo (Pascoe Vale FC) – 10 Goals  
Alija Redzepovic (Metropolitan FC) – 10 Goals  
Juso Julardzija (Metropolitan FC) – 9 Goals  
Ernie Simsek (Pascoe Vale FC) – 8 Goals  
Sofiane Soufi (Pascoe Vale FC) – 7 Goals

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## San Marino



## By Alvaro Rodriguez

**NAME:** San Marino  
**CAPITAL:** City of San Marino  
**POPULATION:** (2012 approx.) 32,404  
**CONFEDERATION:** UEFA  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** N/A  
**FIFA WORLD RANKING:** 207th  
**EURO APPEARANCES:** N/A  
**WORLD CUP APPEARANCES:** N/A

## WHO ARE YA?

The Most Serene Republic of San Marino is situated entirely within Italy, making it one of two sovereign nations (the Vatican being the other) enclosed within Italian borders.

According to tradition, what is now the state of San Marino was established on September 3rd, 301 AD by Marinus (later canonised as Saint Marinus - hence the country's name - by the Catholic Church), a stone-cutter fleeing Roman persecution of Christians. The monastic community he founded on the slope of Mount Titano would become present-day San Marino City (the national capital). Due to its small population and seclusion from the rest of mainland Italy, the fledgling republic was able to preserve its existence uninterrupted for over 1000 years; the Papal States eventually recognised San Marino's independence in 1631.

The Napoleonic Wars ended San Marino's remoteness from world affairs however, and it was most fortunate that Napoleon reneged on his earlier intention to annex the tiny republic, instead offering it additional territory scrounged from Italy - the Sammarinese regents (government) refused the future French Emperor's offer however.



Davide Gualtieri (right) high-fives a Sammarinese teammate after his 8-second opening goal vs. England in 1993.

The 19th Century saw the unification/proclamation of the Italian state (Risorgimento) and San Marino was caught in the crossfire of this struggle, lucky to preserve its independence thanks to the goodwill of Giuseppe Garibaldi 'The Father of Italy'.

Italy's affairs again impacted on San Marino in the 1920s when the Sammarinese Fascist Party (explicitly modelled on Mussolini's Fascists in Italy) seized power and held on to it until the end of WWII, when it collapsed alongside its Italian counterpart (which in turn made way for the present-day Italian Republic). After this San Marino became the first country in history to democratically elect a Communist government, which remained in power until 1957. The country takes great pride in being the world's oldest continuously-sovereign state, despite also being one of the smallest in both population and geographic size.

## SO WHAT YOU DONE?

One might think that due to its historical linguistic/cultural links with one of the great powers of world football (Italy), San Marino might

not be half bad at this football caper...but sadly, the Sammarinese are the very mirror-opposite of Italy's football prowess.

Upon gaining UEFA and FIFA membership in 1988 (despite the national governing body having been in existence since the 1930s), the Sammarinese threw themselves into international competition straight away, and their 4-0 loss to Switzerland in 1990 (their debut international) would have been seen as a sign of things to come.

Though their USA '94 qualifying campaign started with a 10-0 capitulation to Norway, the return finished only 2-0 to the Norwegians, and the Sammarinese gained their maiden international goal and point against Turkey over 2 matches (1-4 and 0-0). They then shocked the world in their last qualifier by scoring against England after only 8 seconds (the then-fastest goal ever), Davide Gualtieri the hero of the moment.

England needed to win by 7 clear goals and for Poland to beat the Netherlands on the same day in order to qualify for the finals in the US. Even though the English eventually romped to a 7-1 win, the Dutch



Just in case the GPS isn't working...

proved too good for the Poles and thus for the first time since 1978, the Three Lions failed to qualify for the World Cup.

The Sammarinese have since failed to win a single competitive fixture, and indeed went without scoring a single goal in their 20 internationals played between October 2008 and August this year. However, they have won just one international, a 2004 friendly against fellow Euro cellar-dwellers Liechtenstein 1-0 (in addition to a 2-all draw vs. the same opponent the previous year), and drawn one further WC qualifier since 1993 (1-all vs. Latvia for Korea/Japan 2002).

## BIG CLUBS

Sammarinese football is of amateur status, which alongside its tiny player pool explains the country's abysmal international record.

The country's main clubs are AC Libertas, SP Tre Fiori (boasting the most national-title wins -7 - in addition to being runners-up 3 times and 6-time cup winners/3-time runners-up), SP Tre Penne (the recently-crowned champions, their maiden title win and 5-time cup winners), AC Juvenes/Dogana and SS Murata, who in 2007 became the first Sammarinese club to compete in the UEFA Champions League qualifying rounds - despite being eliminated 4-1 on aggregate by the Republic of Ireland's Drogheda United, Murata's participation nonetheless generated some international publicity thanks to their signing

of Brazilian '94 WC winner Aldair; Murata also sounded out Romario as well as none other than recently-retired F1 icon Michael Schumacher for the following year's Champions League campaign, but both declined. However, '80s-'90s Italian football stalwart Massimo Agostini - formerly of Roma, AC Milan, Parma and Napoli among others - currently juggles player-coaching Murata with coaching the Sammarinese national Under-21s, at the age of 48.

The country's only full-time professional club, San Marino Calcio, plays in the Italian league system - currently in the 3rd tier of Italian football (Lega Pro Prima Divisione, the former Serie C), just below Serie B. However, all but two of its current squad are Italians - the only Sammarinese, Mattia Stefanelli, is currently on loan from Serie B side Crotone.

## REP YOUR COLORS

Nicknamed La Serenissima 'The Serene Ones', the Sammarinese NT traditionally wears an all-sky blue strip with white trims; the away is inverted. In recent times however, the blue has changed to a Munsell-esque shade.

As for the clubs, Libertas wear white and maroon, Murata black and white, Tre Fiori yellow with blue shorts, Tre Penne wear baby-blue with white socks (not unlike the old NT strip) and Juvenes/Dogana wear dark-celeste with black shorts; San Marino Calcio also wear J/D's kit template.

## MATCHWINNERS

Defensive-mid Massimo Bonini was named the country's greatest-ever player in 2003 by UEFA and in 2006 by the Sammarinese FA, and it's not hard to see why - the first Sammarinese to play professionally in Italy, he turned out for Cesena and Bologna either side of a 7-year, 192-game stint with the mighty Juventus, as well as having been capped 9 times at youth-level for Italy. Once his native land entered the international arena, he eagerly donned the sky-blue kit of La Serenissima although sadly he would only play 19 times for his homeland, as he was already in the twilight of his career. Upon retiring in 1995 he assumed the national coaching reins, albeit overseeing some of his country's most abysmal

on-field displays.

The scorer of the then-world's fastest international goal, striker Davide Gualtieri was only 22 when he scored against England, but at the turn of the millennium was forced into retirement due to injury. Having amassed 168 games and 50 goals for Tre Penne (he was only capped 9 times for San Marino and the historic goal was his only at international level), he slipped into obscurity as a computer salesman. Giampaolo Mazza, an Italian-born player (one of very few to have been naturalised Sammarinese) was capped 5 times for San Marino before juggling the national-coaching job (which he's held to this day since 1998) with his day job as a PE teacher.

Veteran striker Andy Selva - also Italian-born - is one of the very few current Sammarinese internationals with professional experience, having played for Grosseto, Padova, Sassuolo and Hellas Verona in the Noughties and amassed 56 caps/8 goals for his country so far. The only foreign/Italian-based players at present in the Sammarinese NT (aside from the loaned-out Mattia Stefanelli) are Mirko Palazzi of fourth-tier side Rimini, and midfielder Matteo Copini who plies his trade for non-league side Atletico Montecchio. The current national captain is veteran midfielder Damiano Vannucci; with 64 caps to his name he is the country's most-capped player to date.

## SO WHAT NOW?

Currently the whipping boys of European WC qualifying Group H, with 16 goals conceded, none scored and not a single point to their name, the Sammarinese are already out of the race to reach Brazil. What minuscule hope the country has of improving its lot almost surely hinges on the Italian and Sammarinese FAs reaching an understanding on how club side San Marino Calcio can play a part, similar to how the Wellington Phoenix in our A-League have played no small role in New Zealand's international footballing renaissance. But until that happens, they are seemingly consigned to their role of European and indeed, global uber-minnows in spite of whatever potential they may possess.

# Indigenous Footballers: the game is at your feet

By Ian Syson

In the annals of football in Australia, Indigenous soccer players seem few and far between. Given the contribution of Indigenous athletes to other sports, this is to be lamented. Yet we shouldn't underestimate the Indigenous presence. Five Aboriginal Socceroos (six if we count John Moriarty who was selected but never played) and eight Matildas settle that argument. Adam Sarota, James Brown, Jade North, Travis Dodd, Tahj Minniecon, Kyah Simon and Lydia Williams are just some of a growing band of Indigenous footballers making a tremendous impact.

David Williams is another. Heart's left-winger recently had the honour of scoring the opening goal of the A League season! Born in Brisbane, David has already had a substantial career: three seasons in Europe with Brøndby and two Socceroo caps are other highlights. At 24 he has much of his career in front of him.

I spoke recently with David about football and the role of Indigenous players. While he played a number of sports as a kid and showed potential in Rugby Union, he followed his older brother into the beautiful game. He attributes his successes in the game to his "strong family support".

David acknowledged the tendency of Indigenous athletes to avoid soccer or leave the game as they mature, gravitating towards Rugby League or Aussie rules. He believes soccer "is a game with so much to offer them" if they are open to its possibilities. He also claimed that "those Indigenous



Charles Perkins with Adelaide Croatia's Ampol Cup in 1961. Peter Reid, Charles Perkins: A Biography, pp. 188-9.

players who stay with football tend to excel" - a tantalising point that raises the question of how much we lose when Indigenous players like Adam Goodes or Preston Campbell go to other codes after substantial junior soccer careers. Indigenous footballers are hard to find in soccer's past and they don't represent a sizeable grouping in the contemporary game. Yet the game's future is inexorably bound with the need to embrace and nurture Indigenous football talent. David is an FFA-appointed Indigenous Ambassador and is keen to pursue this goal.

But Williams is not simply part of a new phenomenon. He is also the latest in a long straggly line of Aboriginal players. In 1952, for example, the Sydney Morning Herald reported that "James Mulgrave, a 19-year-old aboriginal, may soon be playing first-grade Soccer for the Bankstown club. Only two or three aborigines have

played in major Soccer in N.S.W. during the last 20 years. There is none playing major Soccer in the State at present."

The article raises more questions than it answers: who were the two or three others to play the game in that period? Were there Indigenous players in other regions at other times?

About the only substantial evidence of Aboriginal participation in soccer before the 1950s is the fabulous story of 'Bondi' Neal, a goalkeeper on the NSW South Coast and in the Hunter Valley between 1903 and 1912. The high-point of Neal's career came in 1909 when he kept for a South Maitland representative team in a 2-0 defeat against the touring Western Australians. Around 1912 "he left the coalfields for his native South Coast" and disappeared from the record. John Maynard claims that "Neal is certainly the most famous early Aboriginal soccer player. But



David Williams scores for Melbourne Heart. Photo: ANITA MILAS

whatever became of this legendary player has disappeared from both the archives and memory."

And this is typical. We know Indigenous players participated but the existing evidence is so patchy that we cannot draw a complete picture.

A clearer picture is available in the story of Charlie Perkins, who started to be noticed as a 15-year-old senior footballer in Adelaide in the early 1950s. He subsequently tried out for First Division clubs in England before playing a season with Bishop Auckland, one of England's great amateur sides. He played first grade in Sydney for Pan-Hellenic upon his return.

While Perkins was a genuine star of the game he is perhaps remembered as a curiosity. His game of choice might be explained via his radical political orientation and his 'difference' from other Aboriginal sportsmen. The attitude adopted is: 'Yes. He might have played soc-

cer but he was a maverick.' Well he may have been a maverick but he was not the only one!

Two other Aboriginal players of Perkins' generation also had remarkable careers, first as footballers and then in cultural affairs. John Moriarty was the first Indigenous player to be selected for Australia and Gordon Briscoe followed in Perkins' footsteps, playing two seasons in England. What makes this story all the more remarkable is that these three young men were residents of the same home for "boys of mixed Aboriginal descent" in Port Adelaide and they all played for the Port Thistle club.

Briscoe claims that soccer was a blessing in that it helped him escape a racist society in which Aboriginal men had few options: "soccer lifted me out of that because the soccer fraternity encouraged me." However, Briscoe warned recently that soccer has

"forgotten Aboriginal people in its zest for self-development." As he says, football in Port Adelaide relied on Aboriginal participation at a certain moment in time and when "we look to the future of Aboriginal people in soccer it is easy to be optimistic, but . . . the time is now ripe for the FFA to provide the support and the framework in which the passionate advocates and players of Indigenous soccer can succeed." Soccer can celebrate the fact that at one point in the 1950s it had stolen a march on the supposedly "indigenous" game. There were more Indigenous footballers playing first grade in Adelaide than were playing Aussie rules in Melbourne. Crucially, soccer now needs to work out how it lost contact with the Indigenous community.

No story about Indigenous footballers would be complete without reference to Harry Williams, perhaps the greatest Aboriginal player of all time (44 Socceroo appearances and 17 full caps). Like David Williams, Harry entered the game through circumstance and rose through its ranks through his brilliance and strength of character. He was "exposed to soccer by a friend across the street at six years of age. For me, it was just a question of circumstances. It just happened." The task for Australian soccer is to make sure that Indigenous participation not only keeps 'happening' through circumstance but is also nurtured and developed to its fullest extent through structures of support. It's the key to the world game's eventual success in Australia.

*Much of the information from this piece was gleaned from John Maynard's The Aboriginal Soccer Tribe, Magabala Books, 2011.*





**Latin Wrap**

By Francis Fields

Brazilian giants Sao Paulo have squeezed through to the Copa Sudamericana final after a scoreless draw at the Morumbi stadium against Chilean club Universidad Católica.

After settling to a 1-1 draw in Santiago last week the goalless draw was enough for the Paulistas to go through on the away goals rule.

It was a hard fought match with forward Luis Fabiano having most of the opportunities but denied by Christopher Toselli in the Católica goal.

Universidad Católica bow out once again in the semi final stage, a repeat from 2005 as coach Martin Lasarte admitted it was the end of a run to a gallant, committed side but lacked clarity and game play.

### WOMENS COPA LIBERTADORES

The prestigious Copa Libertadores still rewards a mention late into this time of the year. Its female version was held this month in Sao Paulo and it was exciting to see.

Chilean giants Colo Colo lifted the trophy for the first time avenging their loss in the 2011 Final by defeating Foz Cataratas thus creating history as only the second team to take both men and women's titles, alongside Santos.

Christiane Endler was the star of the show, putting on a strong performance as goalkeeper in Colo Colo's 4-2 victory on penalties. The game finished with both teams locked on zero, but the Chilean giants managed to overcome their 2011 loss in the final to finish as champions.

Foz Cataratas had overcome defending champions São José on penalties in order to reach the final, but failed to find the mark when the match reached penalties once again.

Colo Colo finished second in their group, but better goal difference saw them as the best second ranked team, ahead of Boca Juniors. The goal difference was helped along by a 10-1 thrashing of Peru's JC Sport Girls in the group stage.

Karen Araya, who scored the winning goal to take Colo Colo into the finals was named as player of the tournament. This historic Colo Colo victory was coached by Jose Letelier, a member of Colo Colo's 1991 Copa Libertadores winning squad.

Still on Colo Colo, its first squad lost 3-1 in the first leg semi final away to Unión Española on Thursday.

**BRAZIL**  
Federation president Jose

# Sao Paulo Through To Copa Sudamericana Final



A sweet victory as Colo Colo break the Brazilian trophy winning reign



Sao Paulo go through to the Copa Sudamericana final on away goals

**Marin won't hire Pep Guardiola as the next head coach after revealing he does not want to hire a foreign trainer.**

The former Barcelona boss has recently been linked with the Selecao role, after it became vacant due to the sacking of Mano Menezes on Friday.

"I find it hard (to believe) that Brazil's next coach will be a foreign," he told the Terra website. "I have the greatest respect for Guardiola, but Brazil has won all of its five World Cups with Brazilian coaches." "I haven't talk to any (possible coaches) yet. I'm waiting for the end of Brasileirao. A decision might be made in January, in which case I will talk to reporters in a press conference and announce the new coach.

"The next coach must have an adequate profile to lead Brazil to its top goal, which is winning the 2014 World Cup."

Regarding the dismissal of former trainer Menezes, Marin made it clear that Brazil have moved on with a positive outlook on the future.

"As far as I know, Felipe (Luiz Felipe Scolari) has agreed terms. I know from credible sources that this happened.

"I'm sad because of all that happened. Do you think that I wanted to be here, explaining the dismissal of our coach? We're going through a moment of insecurity,

we don't have a coach.

"There's absolutely nothing that can shake Brazilian football."

Indeed Scolari according to reports will be presented next week as the national team boss.

### RONALDINHO TO STAY AT MINEIRO

**Ronaldinho will play another season with Brazilian club Atlético Mineiro. The club announced last Wednesday it has extended Ronaldinho's contract until the end of 2013.**

The two-time world soccer player of the year signed with Atlético Mineiro in June and helped keep the club in contention for the Brazilian league title until the final rounds.

The 32-year-old Ronaldinho played 31 matches with Atlético, scoring nine goals. The former Brazil star says he is staying because he is "going through a wonderful moment at the club" and has been "treated very well" by everyone, "especially the fans," since arriving after a controversial stint with Flamengo. Atlético still has a chance to finish second in this year's Brazilian league, a competition it hasn't won since 1971.

Another name who is causing interest in Brazil is its very own Kaká linked to a move to Copa Libertadores champion Corin-

thians according to newspapers Marca and Folha.

### RIVER PLATE SACK ALMEYDA

**Former River Plate midfielder Matias Almeyda ended his 18 months as the Argentine club's coach on Wednesday, with two matches to go to the end of the "Inicial" championship.**

"My cycle at River has finished," the former Lazio and Argentina midfielder, who had a contract until the end of the season next June, told a news conference. "I'd like to return one day as coach or director." For me it was an honour to coach River, I have no regrets. Today I can leave River without lowering my head."

The 38-year-old Almeyda, who made his name in Italy's Serie A with Parma, Lazio and Inter Milan, said he felt he no longer had the support of most of the club's board and had reached agreement with president Daniel Passarella that a change of coach was needed.

Almeyda took over at River in the wake of their first relegation in their 111-year history, and steered them back into the first division with the Primera B Nacional second division title a year later.

Almeyda appeared out of his depth in the top flight, however,

constantly tinkering with his team and tactics, but was also unlucky to lose four players to serious knee injuries.

Defending his record as coach, Almeyda said: "We fought with good football, played 60 matches, won 22 and lost nine in a year and a half with 100 goals for and 45 against.

"If you look at the numbers, it wasn't as bad as people imply." River, who hold a record 33 Argentine league titles, are mid-table with 23 points from 17 matches, seven points short of their target for the championship.

They are 12 points behind leaders Velez Sarsfield, favourites to win the first of two championships in the season. Passarella, who has been a target of fans' frustrations during River's struggles, told reporters at evening practice that the decision for Almeyda to step aside was mutual and for the good of the club. Almeyda's successor would become the fifth coach under Passarella since he won the club chair at the end of 2009.

Former striker and coach Ramon Diaz, who led River to seven domestic and regional titles between 1996 and 2002, was among three or four candidates, Passarella said.

River are at home to second-placed Lanus, who are two points

behind Velez and the only team with a realistic chance of pipping them to the Inicial title. Former player and Argentina midfielder Gustavo Zapata will take over River as caretaker coach.

### SUAZO IN CONTRACT BATTLE

**Humberto Suazo continues to avoid the advances of Monterrey, which would like to extend the contract of the star striker, which expires after the Mexican Clausura 2013.**

Reports in Suazo's native Chile had the attacker signing an extension with los Rayados through 2015, for approximately \$3 million per season, which would have made Suazo one of the highest paid players in Mexico. "What's been said is false, still nothing has happened," the Chilean reported via his Twitter account.

Suazo has negotiated a somewhat contentious relationship with the Mexican club since holding out earlier this year over his contract, partially over Monterrey's refusal to negotiate with European teams interested in bringing him back to the Old Continent after a stint with Zaragoza before the 2010 World Cup. If he doesn't sign an extension, the Chilean would become a free agent in the summer of 2013.



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London Calling



By Samuel Collins

Last season it happened on November 30th. The previous season it took place on December 6th. Three seasons ago it happened on November 24th. You have to go back four years to identify the last time a Premier League manager was sacked this early in a campaign. That dismissal in 2008/09 saw Juande Ramos lose his job on October 25th with Tottenham rock bottom of England's top-flight. And it's in London again where the premature axing has begun in 2012/13.

Last Wednesday, Roberto Di Matteo became the eighth Chelsea manager in nine years to wave goodbye to Stamford Bridge. This despite lifting the club's first ever European cup last May, as well as the Blue's fourth FA cup in six seasons. You wonder if it took this iniquitous firing in SW6 to induce Queens Park Rangers Chairman Tony Fernandes, two-and-a-half miles down the road, into terminating Mark Hughes' contract. On the Friday, Hughes paid the price for failing to win any of QPR's first twelve games. The 3-1 defeat against Southampton at Loftus Road, the preceding weekend, proved to be the last straw.

Their replacements have arrived to contrasting receptions. Harry Redknapp, staggeringly, QPR's tenth permanent manager since 2006, has been thoroughly welcomed by the R's faithful. After watching caretaker Mark Bowen manage

# Managerial merry-go-round begins



On the outer: Roberto Di Matteo goes from hero to zero in the space of 6 months.

the side to their latest defeat, 3-1 at Manchester United on Saturday afternoon, Redknapp was unveiled on Monday morning. "I need eleven people with ability to put effort in," the former Spurs coach told reporters at the club's training ground in Harlington. "I'm optimistic we can pull it off (avoid relegation)."

The 65-year old, who lost out to Roy Hodgson in the race to become England coach earlier this year, admitted the job was the "toughest" he'd ever took on. After successful spells at White Hart Lane (2008-12) and Portsmouth (2002-04 & 2005-08), Redknapp was desperate for a return to management. He insisted he was close to succeeding Oleh Blokhin as the Ukrainian national team coach before he got the call from Fernandes last week. 'Harry' arrives with a solid reputation for helping teams survive when in difficult positions - a demotion to the Championship with Southampton in 2005 aside - and will be aiming for three points when QPR visit fellow strugglers Sunderland on Tuesday night.

Rafael Benitez, however, was lambasted by home fans when Manchester City travelled to the Bridge on Sunday. 'Rafa out!' and 'Chelsea fans do not forget!' banners were present. The latter is a reference to Benitez's time at Liverpool, when the Spaniard asserted "I would never take the Chelsea job, no matter what." The former Valencia coach suggested he couldn't hear any boos throughout the goalless draw with the champions, though, the jeering was certainly picked up by microphones plotted around the ground. Chelsea's display saw an improvement defensively compared with their previous outings - recording their first clean sheet in the league in over two months - though, one shot on target in 90 minutes, and another ruinous performance from Fernando Torres did little to ease off the wrath from Blues' supporters. Of course, reports suggest part of the reason 'Rafa' has been brought in is to transform Torres' fortunes. The forward hasn't scored now for 672 minutes in the League.

With QPR 7 points from safety,

and Chelsea 5 points off leaders Manchester United, the pressure is on Redknapp and Benitez, though, no doubt both are just glad to be back in the game after relatively extensive absences - particularly the latter, out of football for almost two years since his sacking at Inter Milan.

The managerial merry-go-round almost spun once more on Sunday evening. Sunderland coach Martin O'Neill reportedly offered his resignation after the club's 4-2 loss against high-flying West Bromwich Albion, but, on Monday the Wearsiders moved to deny these rumors. Nigel Adkins, in charge of Southampton since 2010, has managed his side to successive wins lifting some of the pressure that was mounting on the 47-year old earlier this month. Elsewhere, Reading owner Anton Zingarevich has already given a vote of confidence to manager Brian McDermott after PSV coach Dick Advocaat was linked with the post.

Manchester City's failure to qualify for the knock-out stages of the Champions League has increased the likeliness of Roberto Mancini facing the axe come the summer, especially with Pep Guardiola - winner of 14 trophies in 4 seasons with Barcelona - set to be available after a sabbatical. But of course, Roman Abramovic, Chelsea's eccentric owner, is also intent of securing the services of 'Pep'.

And whilst all this drama goes on, Sir Alex Ferguson, Arsene Wenger and David Moyes, with their current clubs for a combined 52 years, sit back and watch the proceedings. Still, the Premier League wouldn't be the same without the commotion of the hiring and firing environment.

# EPL Mid-Week Wrap

The task facing interim Chelsea manager Rafa Benitez became even more imposing as his side were booed off following a 0-0 draw with Fulham.

It was the second goalless scoreline in two games under the Spaniard, who replaced club legend Roberto Di Matteo just a week previously, leaving the Blues with just two wins from their last 10 fixtures, winless in six in the Premier League and yet to score under their new boss.

Swansea City grabbed all three points against a previously in-form West Brom, running out comfortable 3-1 winners at home on Wednesday. Tottenham held off a resilient Liverpool side 2-1 to go fifth in the Premier League, with Gareth Bale scoring at both ends.

The winger set up Aaron Lennon for the first, before doubling his side's lead with a free-kick inside 16 minutes, only for Sandro's goal-line clearance to rebound off the Welshman's face to give the Reds hope with 20 minutes to play.

Marouane Fellaini celebrated his return to Everton's side with the equaliser as honours were shared with Arsenal in a 1-1 draw at Goodison Park.

It had all started so well for the visitors when Theo Walcott put the Gunners ahead with less than a minute on the clock, bending home after an Aaron Ramsey pass.

But Fellaini pounced on one of many sloppy Arsenal passes to drive past Wojciech Szczesny and earn Everton a share of the spoils.

Stoke came from behind to beat Newcastle 2-1 in an entertaining second-half of football at Britannia Stadium.

Mario Balotelli's first goal of the season helped Manchester City to a hard-fought 2-0 win at Premier League strugglers Wigan.

The reigning league champions were uninspiring for much of the contest, but a two-minute double salvo in the second half ensured the visitors kept up the pressure on rivals Manchester United at the summit of the Premier League.



Manchester United remain top of the Premier League after a 1-0 win over West Ham courtesy of an early Robin van Persie goal.

Having gone behind nine times already this season, Manchester United this time started the game strongly and took the lead with just 33 seconds on the clock, the fastest Premier League goal so far this season.

A measured pass from Michael Carrick found Van Persie just inside the West Ham box. The Dutchman's exquisite turn and touch took him past Winston Reid, and his second was a finish which deflected off James Collins and looped over a stranded Jussi Jaaseklainen to hand United the lead.

Norwich extended their undefeated streak to seven games with a 1-1 draw at Southampton, who were pegged back by another defensive blunder.

The in-form Saints deservedly took the first-half lead at St Mary's Stadium through Rickie Lambert's opportunistic prod home from close range on 32 minutes.

But Norwich soon gathered momentum and levelled shortly before half-time when Saints keeper Paulo Gazzaniga failed to deal with Robert Snodgrass' regulation free-kick.

# FFA Set To Fight For ACL Spot

Football Federation Australia officials face an intense day of lobbying in Kuala Lumpur after the AFC's competitions committee voted yesterday to reduce Australia's Champions League spots to one direct entry and one playoff slot.

Australia fell short of the AFC's required benchmark score in its review of the competition with the main sticking point being the fact that the A-League is not run as a separate entity from the federation.

As a result only one club - in all probability premiership winner Central Coast Mariners - will now gain entry into the tournament proper.

A second club, almost certainly grand final winner Brisbane Roar, will then have to enter the qualification tournament against a team from Thailand, adding substantially to the financial burden facing ACL clubs.

Unlike last season there will be no third slot available, meaning Perth Glory is likely to be left empty-handed unless the AFC's executive committee amends the recommendation on Thursday.

Speaking to The World Game in Malaysia, FFA chief executive David Gallop said the move came as a surprise.

"The acknowledgment today of the ACL allocation certainly produced some odd results," he said.

"We've raised concerns not in relation to subjective determinations that

were part of the decision but also at the unintended consequence of that application and we believe we've got forceful points to make when considered by Exco."

Moreover Gallop questioned the reasoning behind the move given that Australia will host the AFC's flagship competition, the Asian Cup, in just over two years.

"Participation in the ACL is an important part of the build-up to the Asian Cup in 2015 both in Australia and throughout Asia and on a common sense level it doesn't stack up to have Australia's presence diluted."

In a move orchestrated by a block of West Asian nations, India, Jordan, Vietnam and Singapore are understood to be the other nations that have lost out in the new allocation of spots.

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AFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



# Balkan Wrap

By Alex Milic

## Serbia

Partizan bounced back from their Eternal Derby loss with a resounding 4:0 win over bottom placed Smederevo with Nemanja Tomic scoring a brace while Aleksandar Mitrovic and Milan Smiljanic also found the back of the net.

Red Star left it late to get the points in front of a crowd of 10,000 in Uzice, the home side took the lead through Bosnian International Dario Puric in the 16th minute and when It looked like Sloboda was going to take a huge scalp, woderkid Ognjen Mudrinski picked up a double for the 'Red and Whites' finding the net in 84th and 93rd minute to the delight of the visiting fans and to the disbelief of the home side.

In Round 15, Red Star takes on Vojvodina Novi Sad at the Marakana in the derby match of the round while sixth placed Spartak welcomes the champions Partizan to Subotica.

Partizan has a five point lead over Red Star on top of the standings while Jagodina has five points



Bruno Jurcic is back giving orders at Dinamo



Madrinski has scored nie goals in 12 league games

less than Red Star and one more than Vojvodina.

## Croatia

Dinamo Zagreb was embarrassed in Round 17 of the

Croatian First League, with the champions suffering a humiliating loss at the hands of city rivals and bottom placed NK Zagreb. Led by one of the

greatest managers in Croatian football, Ciro Blazevic, Zagreb defeated the league leaders 1:0 through a Abdurahimi goal just after the break.

The loss has spelt the end to Josip Cacic's managerial career at Dinamo Zagreb, as he was shown his marching orders following the loss to Zagreb and the poor showing in the Champions League. His replacement is Kruno Jurcic who returns to the club after being replaced by Cacic last season following a poor display in the Champions League.

Hajduk Split has continued to struggle with another goalless draw this time against Osijek and will have to be at its best when they welcome second placed Rijeka to the Poljud Stadium in Round 18.

Rijeka has been in fantastic form this season and is currently in second position, In Round 17, they came back from one nil down to defeat Inter Zapresic with a double to Benko.

Dinamo Zagreb takes on Lokomotiv Zagreb in Round 18, a club which is managed by former Yugoslavia goalkeeper Tomislav Ivkovic who played at the 1990 World Cup in Italy and saved Diego Maradona's penalty in the Quarter Final clash against the Argentinians which Yugoslavia lost on penalties after no goals were scored in 120 minutes of football.

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EPL  
Wrap

By Andrew Bishara

## Old Faces return to new roles

The previous week of football, the focus hasn't been, well on football. Rather, everyone has had their attention on the revolving managerial door, as two previous managers mark their return to the Premier League.

We'll start with the most obviously – Chelsea's continually sacking and hiring of managers mid-season. Last week, I noted how Chelsea's game against Manchester City was important for them to get their title challenge back on course. Little did I know, that they would sack Roberto Di Matteo days before, following the 3-0 loss to Juventus in Europe.

The fact is no one saw this coming. Chelsea might have been in a rough patch of form, but what of it? Just ask a couple of Arsenal fans how they are feeling, if you want to know what a bad patch is.

Di Matteo's brutal sacking is the worst of the bunch conducted by Chelsea's oil tycoon, Roman Abramovich. At first, it seemed that Chelsea had no plan, following the execution of the man who gave them their first Champions League glory, only three months ago.

Hours later, we got our answer, when Rafael Benitez was announced as the man to take over. One has to question the idea of Liverpool's former boss being



Rafa Benitez takes over at Stamford Bridge. But for how long?

named as interim manager for the rest of the season. Why not let Di Matteo finish the job? He already laid the foundation for the team – why change it now? What could Benitez do differently?

Only time will tell and following the dour 0-0 draw with City, Benitez has a tough task on his hand – especially given the hostile reception he received upon his arrival by the Chelsea faithful.

Across London, there was another sacking; one which was most expected. Mark Hughes, who after a transfer window of bringing in quality players finally got the boot from Queens Park Rangers.

Twelve games without a single win this season; only four draws and sitting last on the table, QPR have been dismal this season. Putting together a team takes time and given the high intake of players over the summer, there could be some leeway for Hughes. But the performances haven't lived up at all – with the lack of goal sharpness and poor defending costing them dearly.

The man that has come in, the saviour: Harry Redknapp. Once favourite for the England job, Red-

knapp has had a couple of months to cool his heels, following his resignation from Spurs. Is he the man to save QPR's dreadful season? The answer is well, yes.

He saved Portsmouth from relegation and then led them to FA Cup glory in 2008. He saved Tottenham and led to the Champions League. Redknapp has a knack of taking struggling teams, give them some confidence, rebuild them and push them forward. With the team like QPR, Redknapp can once again achieve that success. However, he is wary of how hard a task this might be.


"It's a big challenge, this one, a tough job. But it's one I'm looking forward to doing now", said Redknapp in his unveiling.

"We mustn't kid ourselves - this is the toughest job. Much tougher than those two jobs [Tottenham and Portsmouth], in my opinion. It's a real challenge, and one I'm looking forward to. I'm confident and optimistic that we can pull it off."

**EPL Preview**  
**The fixtures are coming along thick and fast this week, with a double header of Premier**

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Last 5 games

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5 Tottenham Hotspur	14	7	2	5	25	23	+2	23	WWLLL
6 Everton	14	5	7	2	24	18	+6	22	DDLWD
7 Arsenal	14	5	6	3	24	14	+10	21	DDWDL
8 Swansea City	14	5	5	4	21	17	+4	20	WDWDD
9 Stoke City	14	4	7	3	13	12	+1	19	WDDWL
10 West Ham United	14	5	4	5	16	16	+0	19	LLDWD
11 Fulham	14	4	5	5	25	23	+2	17	DDLDD
12 Liverpool	14	3	7	4	18	18	+0	16	LDWDD
13 Norwich City	14	3	7	4	11	20	-9	16	DDWDW
14 Newcastle United	14	3	5	6	14	21	-7	14	LLLLD
15 Wigan Athletic	14	4	2	8	15	25	-10	14	LWLLW
16 Sunderland	13	2	7	4	12	16	-4	13	LDWLL
17 Aston Villa	14	3	4	7	11	22	-11	13	WDLLW
18 Southampton	14	3	3	8	21	31	-10	12	DWDDL
19 Reading	13	1	6	6	16	23	-7	9	LDWDD
20 QPR	14	0	5	9	10	26	-16	5	DLLLD

**League games, mid-week and with another set of fixtures this coming weekend.**

This Thursday morning, two tempting matches will be offer; including Arsenal's trip to Everton and Tottenham hosting Liverpool. Arsene Wenger's side has been in "seesaw mode" this season. After defeating Tottenham, then Montpellier in the Champions League, they were held 0-0 to lowly Aston Villa – incurring the wrath of Arsenal boo-boys, with many pointing to Wenger's decision to take off striker Olivier Giroud for midfielder Francois Coquilien in searching for the win. They now face Everton in a crucial game. Any more dropped points and the knives could be out for Wenger.

Tottenham on the other hand, bounced back from three consecutive losses with a 3-1 win over West Ham. The win was highlighted once again by two goals from Jermain Defoe – prompting some to question Andre Villas-Boas' decision to drop the England striker for Emmanuel Adebayor over the last couple of weeks. Expect Defoe to start against Liverpool.

Liverpool has been slowly progressing under Brendan Rodgers

and his slick football game. They have been unbeaten in the last eight games, even though five of them have been draws. But they have been consistent in their playing approach and results will come sooner rather than later.

Chelsea's new manager will face a daunting task this week, as Rafael Benitez will face the wrath of two London teams. First up is Fulham in the derby, and he will definitely looking for an result – especially given how Chelsea fans are already looking for his head. On the weekend, Chelsea will be travelling to West Ham.

Sam Allardyce's side has been the star team from the Championship and has settled in the Premier League. Criticism has been pointed the finger at him and his "long-ball" game – but it's proving beneficial, as the Hammers are 8th with 19 points; half-way to the safe guard of 40 points to avoid relegation.

West Ham though has a tough couple of days, as mid-week they have to travel to Old Trafford. Manchester United have won five out of six games at home – and look rampart when they play in front of their fans.

They were shook to the core last week, when they went down a goal to QPR, before rallying back with three goals in nine minutes. They have had a habit of making comebacks this seasons. Perhaps the Hammers could give them another challenge?

But the clash of the weekend goes to Manchester City taking on Everton. Everton have started the season on fire, compared to their usual schizophrenic form of turning it on the second half of the year.

Everton have a tough three-match stint coming up, facing Arsenal, then City and finally Spurs. If they are to show their mettle for the challenge of fourth place, they will need to get grab some points over this run.

City hasn't looked like the team of last season, but is still grabbing the points when required. The 0-0 draw against Chelsea was unlucky as they had the chances to steal the win. They travel to face Wigan mid-week and while it might look like an easy three points – nothing, nothing is certain in the Premier League.



London Eye



By Eddie Gray

**He's done it again. Roman Abramovich flexed his muscles and sacked Roberto Di Matteo making him the seventh manger to go under the Abramovich rule.**

It appears delivering the Champions League trophy for the first time in the clubs history was not enough for the Russian owner who replaced Di Matteo with the out of work Rafael Benitez.

Benitez's arrival has been seen as a move to spark Fernando Torres into form who has been far from his best since he joined Chelsea.

The front man was imperious under Benitez earlier in his career and if one Spaniard can inspire another then it may be exactly what Chelsea need to claim the Premier League.

Di Matteo's sacking was another example of the billionaire owner demanding short term success over backing a boss with a long term project and then supporting him through difficult times.

Although Di Matteo was sacked he hardly left with a damaged reputation.

When the Italian was revealed

of his duties he left with a 57.1% winning record from his nine months in charge, was third in the league, but was on the verge of exiting the Champions League in the group stages.

The potential failure to progress into the knockout stages seems to have put the nail in the coffin for Di Matteo, but when you consider the former Chelsea legend was so instrumental in leading the club to the trophy Abramovich most desired, something no manger has done before, including Jose Mourinho and Carlo Ancelotti, you would expect more time to be given, especially when elimination from the competition is still not guaranteed.

But the removal of Di Matteo was hardly a surprise.

The Blues hierarchy spent the whole summer, even after their most famous night, trying to convince departing Barcelona boss Pep Guardiola to take the managerial hot seat, but with no success.

Despite not being able to tempt him Abramovich still seems intent on appointing the Spaniard, hence why Benitez has only been given a deal to the end of the year, providing a stop gap until Guardiola's self imposed sabbatical ends.

The desire for Guardiola and the brand of football he will bring seems a must for Chelsea, whose owner has constantly wanted a style which will not only get results but is pleasing on the eye at the same time.

## Roman strikes again



Roman Abramovich has swung the axe once again, and should consider instaling a revolving door at the Bridge.

But whether he will take the job when there is no long term security is still up for debate. The Spaniard will have the choosing of the majority of the major European clubs in the summer with Bayern, AC Milan and Manchester City already linked to him, and all three provide realistic and strong opposition to Chelsea.

If Guardiola takes the chance to manage the London club then he will have a lot of work to do with the current crop of players at his disposal.

The former Barcelona man

used a passing approach where possession was fundamental during his time in Spain and whether the present squad can implement the philosophy Guardiola wants is a big ask.

Chelsea have built their success over the past 10 years on a fast, powerful, counter attacking team, something Guardiola has been alien to in his managerial career so far so you would expect him to try and change the London outfits method of approach, which will take time and patience.

But his major initial concern will

be the form of Fernando Torres, who has failed to replicate his performances from his early days as a Liverpool player which led to many regarding him as the best striker in the world.

The Spaniard has been a shadow of his former self for almost three years with his pace and instinct in front of goal deserting him and if Benitez cannot recapture Torres's best then it may be time for him to move on.

So who would replace him? The obvious candidate is Radamel Falcao.

The Columbian is currently seen as the best striker on the planet and has expressed his desire to move to the Premier League in the future.

His technical attributes would suit a Guardiola set up and his physical strengths and ability in the air would make his adjustment to the Premier League easier than many others who have made the switch from La Liga previously.

What adds to the possibility of Torres leaving is the fact his boyhood club was Atletico Madrid, Falcao's current employers, meaning a swap deal plus cash may be plausible if the former Atletico man is open to a move back.

No matter who is up front, Abramovich's main goal is to get Guardiola.

When offers are finally made and listened to, a huge pay packet is guaranteed to arrive at the Spaniards door and that may be too hard to turn down.

The persistence the Chelsea owner has chased his man down with may also mean he is willing to give Guardiola time to stamp his authority on the club, something he doesn't give lightly.

But this is Roman Abramovich, and we have seen it all before with Andre Villas Boas; if success isn't immediate it doesn't matter what your salary or compensation cost is or your reputation, no one will be spared. Not even Guardiola.



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Wrap  
Italia

By Luca Cetta

## Juve crumble as Milan rejoices

Milan hosted Juventus in a match decided by a controversial penalty, while Palermo reign supreme in the Sicilian Derby. Napoli moved into second place, but others in the chasing pack faltered, including Fiorentina and Inter.

Milan felt their season was back on track last Wednesday as they toppled Anderlecht to qualify for the knockout phase of the Champions League. Even still, a visit from the reigning champions would provide a stern test. Whether that Belgian win, a dressing room visit from President Silvio Berlusconi, or the presence of Marco Van Basten in the stands lifted their confidence, it did the trick.

Pressure remained heaped on Coach Massimiliano Allegri in the build-up. The axe continues to dangle over his head. But if Allegri is feeling paranoid then perhaps it is with some justification. Berlusconi has openly courted ex-Barcelona boss Pep Guardiola. The President even claimed he spoke to Allegri about it!

Juve showed their strength by crushing Chelsea 3-0. Looking to retain their lead at the San Siro, they started nervously. Misplaced



Robinho celebrates his contentious penalty, which proved to be the winner for Milan against Juventus.

passes were all too frequent. Milan pressed and harassed. The Bianconeri were uncharacteristically nervous.

Last season's clash stole the headlines for all the wrong reasons. Sulley Muntari was denied a goal which clearly crossed the line and Juve saw one ruled out for an offside which never was. The theme continued here. Antonio Nocerino's header was adjudged to hit the outstretched arm of Mauricio Isla. The penalty appeared to be given by the goal-line referee and replays show it hit the ribcage. Gigi Buffon got a hand to the penalty, but could not stop Robinho from opening the scoring.

Juve improved slightly after the interval but could not penetrate a stubborn Milan backline. The 1-0 result keeps Juventus first, but with their lead cut. They admitted it was a below par performance. Allegri for his part noted it wasn't a penalty, but was full of praise for

his side.

"I think the team did its absolute best against a Juve side that is doing great things. It's wonderful that we managed to avoid basically giving Juventus any chances at all."

On Saturday Palermo welcomed Catania to the Stadio Renzo Barbera after a week of traded verbal barbs. The oral stoush centred around Pietro Lo Monaco, Palermo's director formerly of the Rossoblu. Catania labelled statements made by Lo Monaco as "verbal violence, vulgarity and insults no longer part of our club." The director called that response "pathetic, pointless and absolutely demented." On the pitch it was Palermo doing the talking. Fabrizio Miccoli scored his 100th Serie A goal, before a Josip Ilicic brace sealed a crucial win for the struggling Rosaneri. Francesco Lodi replied with a free kick but it ended 3-1.

ITALY

Serie A



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1 Juventus	14	10	2	2	29	10	+19	32	LDWLW
2 Napoli	14	9	3	2	23	11	+12	30	WDWDL
3 Fiorentina	14	8	4	2	25	12	+13	28	DWWWW
4 Internazionale	14	9	1	4	26	16	+10	28	LDLWW
5 Lazio	14	8	2	4	22	17	+5	26	WDWLD
6 Roma	14	7	2	5	31	23	+8	23	WWLWL
7 Parma	14	5	5	4	17	18	-1	20	WDDLW
8 Catania	14	5	4	5	18	20	-2	19	LWDWD
9 Atalanta	14	6	2	6	14	20	-6	18	LLWWW
10 Milan	14	5	3	6	21	18	+3	18	WDLWD
11 Cagliari	14	4	4	6	13	20	-7	16	LDLDLW
12 Udinese	14	3	7	4	18	23	-5	16	LDDDD
13 Sampdoria	14	5	2	7	17	19	-2	16	WWLLL
14 Torino	14	3	7	4	15	14	+1	15	DLWDD
15 Palermo	14	3	5	6	14	21	-7	14	WLWLD
16 Genoa	14	3	3	8	14	22	-8	12	WLLLL
17 Chievo	14	3	3	8	13	25	-12	12	DLDLW
18 Bologna	14	3	2	9	15	19	-4	11	LWLDL
19 Siena	14	4	5	5	13	14	-1	11	DWDWL
20 Pescara	14	3	2	9	9	25	-16	11	LLLWL

Fiorentina had won five straight ahead of a trip to Turin but dropped points versus Torino. On loan from the Viola, Alessio Cerci opened the scoring, however the hosts twice coughed up their advantage as it ended 2-2.

Napoli and Inter were away at Cagliari and Parma respectively on Monday. Both knew three points would put pressure on Juventus. Napoli were without Edinson Cavani and Goran Pandev, but with just under 20 minutes remaining Marek Hamsik slotted home the only goal. Meanwhile, Inter have now picked up just one point since defeating Juventus. They again lost on the road, with Nicola Sansone's solo run and shot giving Parma a 1-0 win. The Gialloblu remain unbeaten at home, even after visits from Fiorentina, Milan, Roma and now the Nerazzurri. There was dual Roman joy. Lazio battered Udinese 3-0, while Roma netted early through Mattia Destro to overcome Pescara. There

were also important wins for the two Genoa clubs. Sampdoria won in front of their fans by a single goal against Bologna, while Genoa also needed just one at Atalanta to rescue Luigi Delneri's job. After six straight losses, Andrea Bertolacci moved the Rossoblu off the bottom of the table. Finally, Chievo and Siena played out a 0-0 draw.

Aiming to get back to winning ways ahead of their crucial Champions League showdown in Ukraine, Juventus host Torino in the 'Derby della Mole'. This is the first edition of the storied rivalry in four seasons. Antonio Conte may tinker with his team in lieu of the Shakhtar match and could possibly drop Fabio Quagliarella after he mouthed off to assistant Angelo Alessio when substituted in Milan. Toro are hoping to recover Polish defender Kamil Glik.

Resurgent Milan are away at Catania, smarting from their Derby disaster. Now in the top half

Latest Results	This Week
Palermo 3 - 1 Catania	Catania v Milan
Atalanta 0 - 1 Genoa	Juventus v Torino
Chievo 0 - 0 Siena	Napoli v Pescara
Pescara 0 - 1 Roma	Bologna v Atalanta
Sampdoria 1 - 0 Bologna	Genoa v Chievo
Torino 2 - 2 Fiorentina	Inter v Palermo
Milan 1 - 0 Juventus	Lazio v Parma
Cagliari 0 - 1 Napoli	Siena v Roma
Parma 1 - 0 Inter	Udinese v Cagliari
Lazio 3 - 0 Udinese	Fiorentina v Sampdoria

**One To Watch This Weekend...**

The first Turin Derby since 2009 pits a wounded Juventus against hated city rivals Torino, who have proven to be a tricky customer in recent weeks.

# One point forward, three points backward for Mourinho's Madrid



Viva  
Espana

By Pepe Lopez

On Wednesday the 21st of November, Real Madrid earned a point in Manchester to qualify for the next stage of the 2012-13 UEFA Champions League, as runners-up of Group D (ironically labelled "D" for group of Death) achieving their number one objective for the first half of the season.

In comparison, Chelsea FC's Roberto Di Matteo was not as fortunate, and whilst Chelsea are still a chance to qualify, the odds are not in their favour, and at this fine elite level, this is considered failure. Hence Chelsea already have a new coach, Spaniard Rafael Benitez.

On Saturday the 24th of November, Real Madrid virtually threw in the towel on their second objective for this season. Losing 1-0 away Real Betis in Sevilla, Real Madrid allowed leaders and arch rivals Barcelona FC to open up an 11 point gap between the two power broker clubs in the



It's make or break in the Madrid derby this weekend.

Spanish La Liga. In fact, to add insult to injury, Real Madrid's local rivals Atletico Madrid opened up an 8 point gap between the two clubs from Spain's capital city.

Never one to shy away from comment on all matters football and politics, Real Madrid Coach Jose Mourinho had this to say in the post-match press conference; "I try to be fair and objective, and when my team lose, I do not seek excuses or blame other things... Obviously a team that played on Wednesday should not have to play today. Obviously there are other teams that have control

of the match calendar, which we don't have, but we are talking about top professionals and you have to take into account mental toughness, ambition and spirit."

"When we win, we all win, but when we lose, the coach loses. Why is it my fault? It's possible that we could finish this year 11, 13 or nine points behind Barcelona. The Liga race is still open but we're neither optimistic nor pessimistic. I can't focus on a single competition."

Whilst Mourinho has clearly begun to focus on his obsession, The UEFA Champions League, others at Real Madrid were try-

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Last5games

Most recent first

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1 Barcelona	13	12	1	0	43	15	+28	37	WWWWW
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6 Levante	13	6	2	5	15	20	-5	20	LWLWD
7 Getafe	13	6	1	6	16	19	-3	19	WWLLW
8 Rayo Vallecano	13	6	1	6	18	29	-11	19	WLWWL
9 Real Valladolid	13	5	3	5	18	14	+4	18	WLDWD
10 Valencia	13	5	3	5	16	18	-2	18	LWDWL
11 Sevilla	13	5	3	5	18	18	+0	18	LWLDL
12 Real Sociedad	13	5	2	6	16	16	+0	17	DWWLD
13 Real Zaragoza	13	5	0	8	15	22	-7	15	LLWLW
14 Athletic Club	13	4	3	6	18	27	-9	15	DLWWL
15 Celta de Vigo	13	4	2	7	15	18	-3	14	WDLLD
16 Mallorca	13	3	3	7	13	22	-9	12	LDLLL
17 Deportivo La C...	13	2	5	6	19	28	-9	11	DLLWD
18 Granada	13	3	2	8	11	20	-9	11	LLWLL
19 Osasuna	13	2	4	7	11	15	-4	10	DDWLL
20 Espanyol	13	2	3	8	13	22	-9	9	LLLWD

Latest Results	This Week
R Sociedad 0 - 0 Osasuna	Osasuna v Rayo Vallecano
R Vallecano 2 - 0 Mallorca	Getafe v Málaga
R Valladolid 1 - 0 Granada	Valencia v Real Sociedad
Málaga 4 - 0 Valencia	Barcelona v Athletic Club
R Betis 1 - 0 Real Madrid	Real Madrid v Atlético Madrid
Espanyol 0 - 2 Getafe	Granada v Espanyol
Athletic Club 1 - 1 Deportivo	Deportivo v Real Betis
Atlético Madrid 4 - 0 Sevilla	Celta de Vigo v Levante
Levante 0 - 4 Barcelona	Mallorca v Real Zaragoza
Real Zaragoza 0 - 1 Celta Vigo	Sevilla v Real Valladolid

**One To Watch This Weekend...**

This Saturday morning Melbourne time, the Madrid derby will take place at Real Madrid's Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. Atletico Madrid last defeated Real Madrid in 1999 at this venue, and 2nd placed Atleti look as likely as they have been in the past 23 years to finally claim the scalp of the "Madridistas".

ing to save face.

Real and Argentina striker Gonzalo Higuain made this comment; "It seems crazy, but I have no doubt we can do it. It's not in our hands, and we'll need other results to go our way, but we have the squad to keep fighting till the end and that's what we'll do."

Over in Barcelona FC, coach Tito Vilanova is beginning to pay the respect that 2nd placed Atletico Madrid deserve; "The league is not finished. Firstly because we've only played third of it, and then because Atletico are behind us and are very strong.

There's still a lot to play for, 75 points is a lot. Also, remember that in the first year that we were 11 points clear of Real Madrid and had to go to the Bernabeu and win. Atletico have had a good start, which isn't a surprise as they finished last season very strongly. All we can do is focus on beating Athletic."

Flying under the radar, appears to be Atletico's secret to success this season. All the pressure and focus remains on Real Madrid and Barcelona, and Atleti are primed to cause a major upset this weekend.

Radamel Falcao, the Colombian

striker with a killer instinct, is focused on a major kill this Saturday; "We're not thinking about whether a draw would be a good result. We always want to win and deal with the challenges we encounter. It's a certain desire to win and beat your rivals. We are very strong as a team and are looking forward to taking on our rivals. We all know the situation both clubs find themselves in, but that will not influence the derby. Winning is all that matters."



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11 Zadar	17	3	4	10	18	35	-17	13	LWLWL
12 Zagreb	17	3	3	11	9	29	-20	12	WLLWL

GERMANY


Bundesliga



Last5games  
Most recent first

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1 Bayern München	14	12	1	1	40	5	+35	37	WWDWW
2 Bayer Leverkusen	14	8	3	3	27	19	+8	27	WWWWL
3 Borussia Dortmund	14	7	5	2	29	15	+14	26	DWWWD
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8 Hamburger SV	14	6	2	6	15	17	-2	20	WLWDL
9 Borussia M'gla...	14	5	5	4	21	24	-3	20	WDLDW
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14 Fortuna Düsseldorf	14	3	6	5	14	19	-5	15	DWLDL
15 Wolfsburg	14	4	3	7	13	22	-9	15	LDWWL
16 Hoffenheim	14	3	3	8	21	32	-11	12	LLLDW
17 Greuther Fürth	14	1	5	8	10	25	-15	8	LDLLD
18 Augsburg	14	1	4	9	10	25	-15	7	LDLLL

THE CHAMPIONSHIP



Last5games

Most recent first

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
1 Cardiff City	19	12	2	5	37	25	+12	38	DWWWL
2 Crystal Palace	19	11	4	4	36	24	+12	37	DLWWW
3 Middlesbrough	19	11	2	6	32	24	+8	35	WLWLD
4 Leicester City	19	10	3	6	31	17	+14	33	LWWDD
5 Millwall	19	9	5	5	33	26	+7	32	WWWWD
6 Hull City	19	10	2	7	27	24	+3	32	DLWLW
7 Brighton & Hov...	19	8	7	4	27	16	+11	31	WDWDW
8 Watford	19	9	3	7	33	27	+6	30	WDWWD
9 Nottingham Forest	19	7	8	4	27	24	+3	29	LWWDD
10 Blackburn Rovers	19	7	7	5	27	24	+3	28	LLWDD
11 Huddersfield Town	19	8	4	7	24	27	-3	28	LDLWD
12 Derby County	19	7	6	6	29	27	+2	27	DWLWL
13 Charlton Athletic	19	7	6	6	26	24	+2	27	WDWWW
14 Burnley	19	8	3	8	32	33	-1	27	DWLWL
15 Leeds United	19	7	5	7	26	30	-4	26	WWLLL
16 Blackpool	19	6	7	6	31	28	+3	25	DDDDW
17 Bolton Wanderers	19	6	7	6	27	28	-1	25	WDDDD
18 Wolverhampton ...	19	6	4	9	24	26	-2	22	LLDLL
19 Birmingham City	19	5	6	8	23	30	-7	21	DLLDW
20 Barnsley	19	4	5	10	18	28	-10	17	DLDLL
21 Ipswich Town	19	4	5	10	17	40	-23	17	WDLWL
22 Bristol City	19	4	3	12	28	37	-9	15	LWDLL
23 Sheffield Wedn...	19	4	3	12	22	36	-14	15	LLLLL
24 Peterborough U...	19	4	1	14	20	32	-12	13	LDLLL

Greece

Super League



Last5games  
Most recent first

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
1 Olympiakos Piraeus	12	10	2	0	29	6	+23	32	D W W W D
2 PAOK	12	7	3	2	17	8	+9	24	D L W W D
3 Asteras Tripolis	12	7	2	3	17	6	+11	23	W W L W D
4 Panionios	12	7	0	5	15	12	+3	21	L W L L W
5 Atromitos	12	5	5	2	10	8	+2	20	W L W W D
6 PAS Giannina	12	5	3	4	11	9	+2	18	W W W L D
7 Panathinaikos	12	4	6	2	12	9	+3	16	L W D W D
8 Platania	12	4	3	5	12	15	-3	15	W L D L D
9 Levadiakos	12	4	3	5	8	11	-3	15	W W W L D
10 Panthrakikos	12	4	1	7	12	15	-3	13	W D W L L
11 OFI	12	3	4	5	11	14	-3	13	L L W L D
12 Kerkyra	12	2	6	4	7	13	-6	12	D L D D D
13 Aris	12	2	4	6	10	20	-10	10	L L L W D
14 Xanthi	12	2	4	6	6	15	-9	10	L D L W D
15 Veria	12	2	4	6	7	17	-10	10	D L L L D
16 AEK Athens	12	2	2	8	8	14	-6	8	L W L L W

TURKEY

Süper Lig




	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games Most recent first
1 Galatasaray	13	7	4	2	28	17	+11	25	WLDWW
2 Fenerbahçe	13	6	5	2	20	12	+8	23	WDWWL
3 Antalyaspor	13	7	2	4	24	19	+5	23	DLWW
4 Beşiktaş	13	6	4	3	30	20	+10	22	WWWDW
5 Kasımpaşa	13	6	3	4	20	13	+7	21	DWDWL
6 Eskişehirspor	13	6	3	4	25	15	+10	21	WDLWD
7 Trabzonspor	13	5	4	4	13	12	+1	19	LWWLL
8 Sivasspor	13	5	4	4	17	17	+0	19	WDWLL
9 Gençlerbirliği	13	4	6	3	22	19	+3	18	LDWLD
10 Bursaspor	13	4	6	3	21	16	+5	18	DWDLW
11 Orduspor	13	4	6	3	17	15	+2	18	DLLWL
12 Karabükspor	13	4	3	6	17	24	-7	15	LWWLD
13 Gaziantepspor	13	4	3	6	13	20	-7	15	WDLWL
14 Kayserispor	13	4	2	7	18	24	-6	14	LDWWL
15 Mersin İdmanyurdu	13	2	6	5	15	22	-7	12	WDLWL
16 İstanbul BB	13	3	3	7	12	17	-5	12	LDLLL
17 Akhisar Beledi...	13	2	4	7	8	22	-14	10	LLLLW
18 Elazığspor	13	1	6	6	8	24	-16	9	LDLWD

HOLLAND Eredivisie



	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games Most recent first
1 PSV	14	11	0	3	49	13	+36	33	LWWWW
2 Twente	14	9	4	1	27	9	+18	31	DDWW
3 Vitesse	14	9	4	1	27	11	+16	31	WWDW
4 Ajax	14	7	6	1	33	17	+16	27	WWWL
5 Feyenoord	14	8	3	3	28	18	+10	27	WWWL
6 Utrecht	14	6	4	4	18	16	+2	22	LDLWW
7 NEC	14	6	4	4	22	24	-2	22	WLWWD
8 ADO Den Haag	14	4	7	3	25	23	+2	19	WLDDW
9 Heracles	14	4	6	4	31	28	+3	18	DWLLW
10 RKC Waalwijk	14	4	5	5	20	18	+2	17	DWLL
11 Groningen	14	4	4	6	15	24	-9	16	DDWLL
12 AZ	14	3	5	6	20	26	-6	14	LDLWL
13 Heerenveen	14	3	5	6	19	27	-8	14	DLLWL
14 PEC Zwolle	14	3	3	8	14	25	-11	12	DWLL
15 NAC Breda	14	3	2	9	11	28	-17	11	LLLWW
16 Roda JC	14	2	4	8	14	28	-14	10	LLDD
17 VVV	14	2	4	8	17	33	-16	10	DLWWL
18 Willem II	14	1	4	9	11	33	-22	7	LLLL

# LEAGUE ONE



Last5games

Most recent first

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
1 Tranmere Rovers	20	11	6	3	36	16	+20	39	D D L W W
2 Doncaster Rovers	20	12	3	5	29	16	+13	39	W W W W L
3 Milton Keynes Dons	20	10	6	4	28	14	+14	36	W D W W W
4 Sheffield United	20	9	9	2	26	17	+9	36	L D W L D
5 Brentford	20	9	8	3	28	19	+9	35	W D W W W
6 Notts County	20	9	7	4	32	20	+12	34	W D D D W
7 Stevenage	20	9	7	4	27	27	+0	34	D D L L W
8 Swindon Town	20	9	5	6	29	17	+12	32	L W W W D
9 Crawley Town	20	9	4	7	27	28	-1	31	L D D L D
10 AFC Bournemouth	20	7	8	5	34	32	+2	29	D D W W W
11 Preston North End	20	7	7	6	31	24	+7	28	L D D W D
12 Yeovil Town	20	9	1	10	30	31	-1	28	L W L W L
13 Leyton Orient	20	9	1	10	22	23	-1	28	W W W W L
14 Crewe Alexandra	20	7	6	7	24	27	-3	27	W D L W W
15 Coventry City	20	6	6	8	28	27	+1	24	D W W L W
16 Oldham Athletic	20	6	5	9	20	24	-4	23	L W W L L
17 Colchester United	20	6	5	9	23	31	-8	23	L W L L L
18 Carlisle United	20	6	5	9	26	38	-12	23	W L L D L
19 Walsall	20	5	7	8	22	30	-8	22	D D D L L
20 Portsmouth	20	5	4	11	25	31	-6	19	L D L L L
21 Bury	20	4	7	9	23	33	-10	19	D W L W W
22 Shrewsbury Town	20	4	6	10	21	27	-6	18	D W L L L
23 Scunthorpe United	20	4	5	11	20	37	-17	17	L D D W W
24 Hartlepool United	20	1	6	13	15	37	-22	9	D L L L L





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